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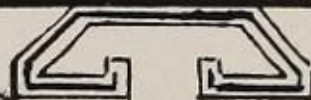
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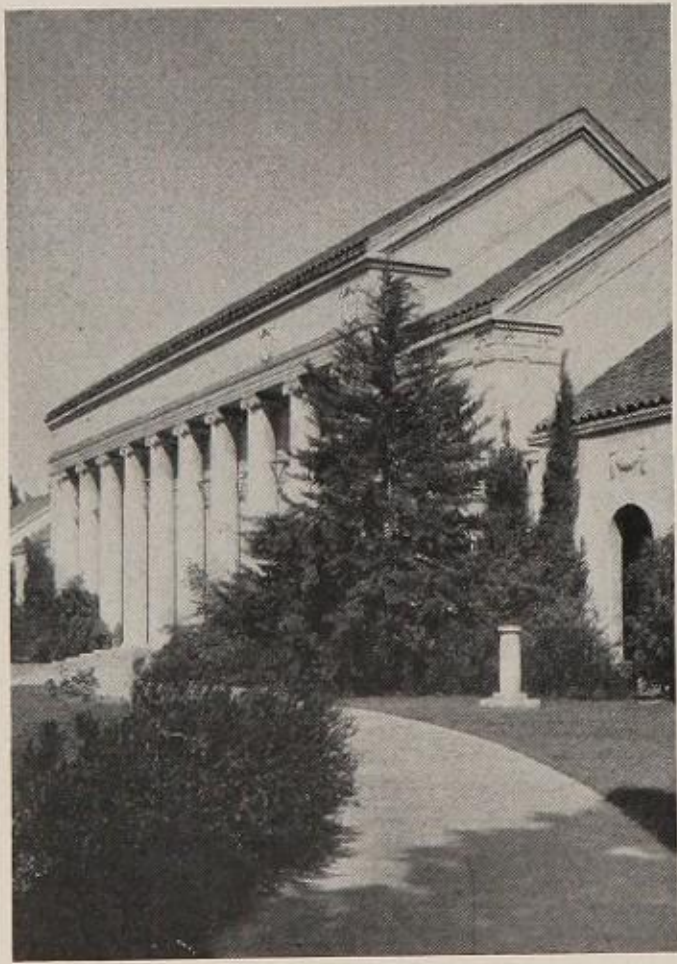
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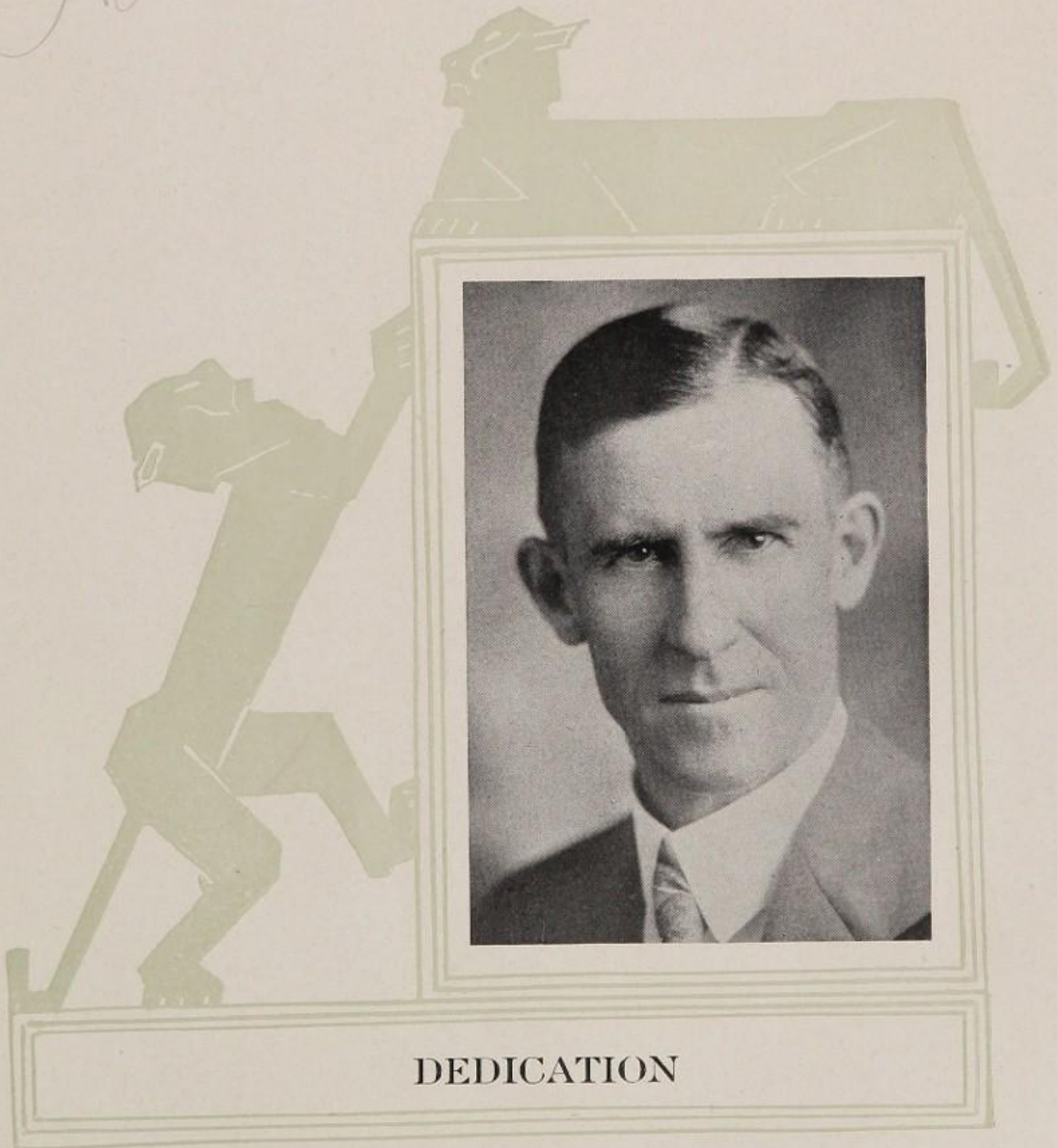
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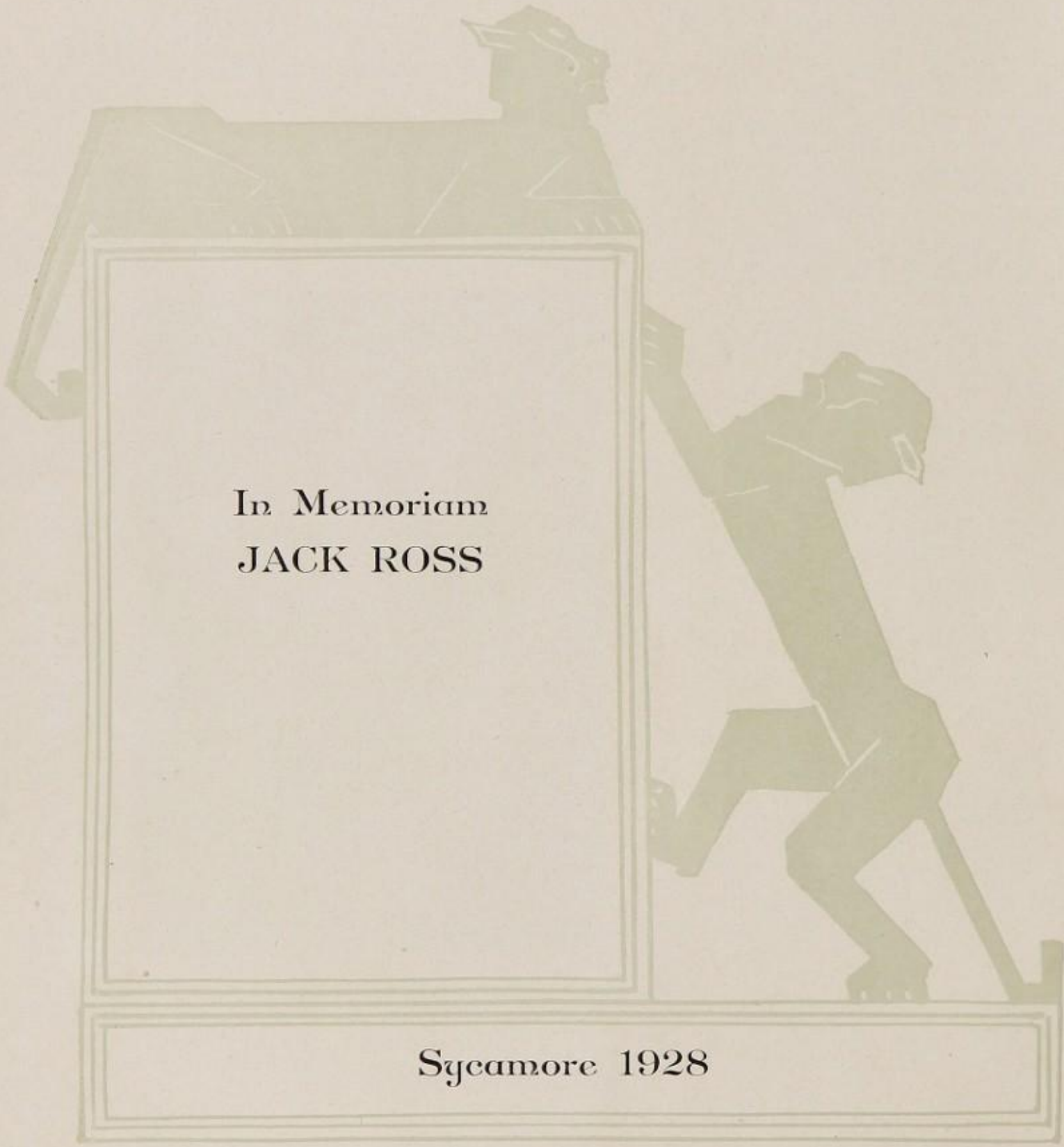
TO HARNESS FOR FUTURE USE OUR AWAKENED PANTHER SPIRIT, THE
SYCAMORE STAFF PRESENTS TO YOU THIS RECORD OF 1927-1928
ACTIVITIES, SNICKERS AND SNAPS

Winifred Olson



DEDICATION

TO YOU WHOSE FAR-REACHING VISION AND UNTIRING ZEAL HAVE MADE
POSSIBLE A GREATER HIGH SCHOOL; TO YOU, MR. UTTER, WE
AFFECTIONATELY DEDICATE THIS, OUR PANTHER YEAR-BOOK



In Memoriam
JACK ROSS

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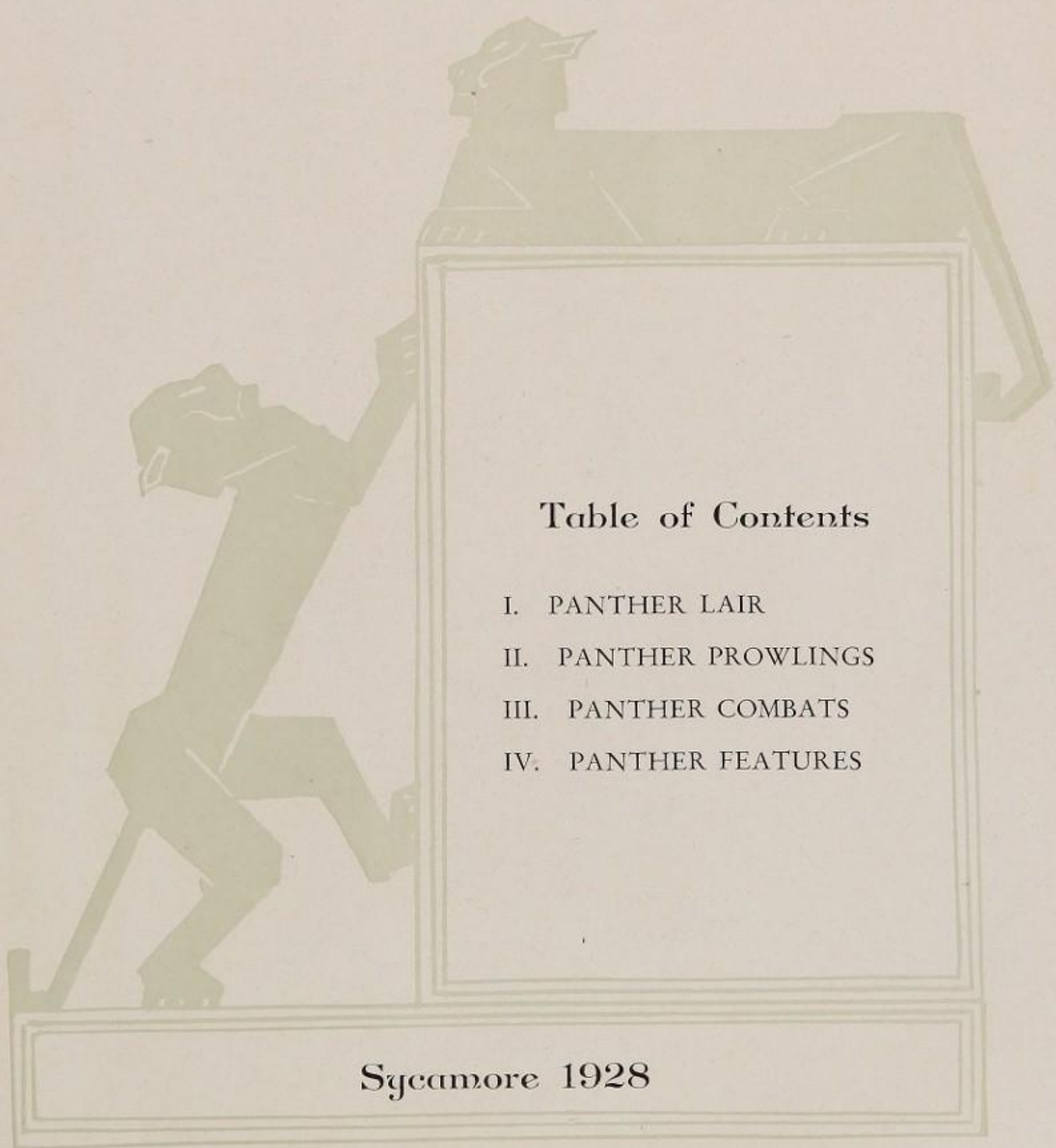


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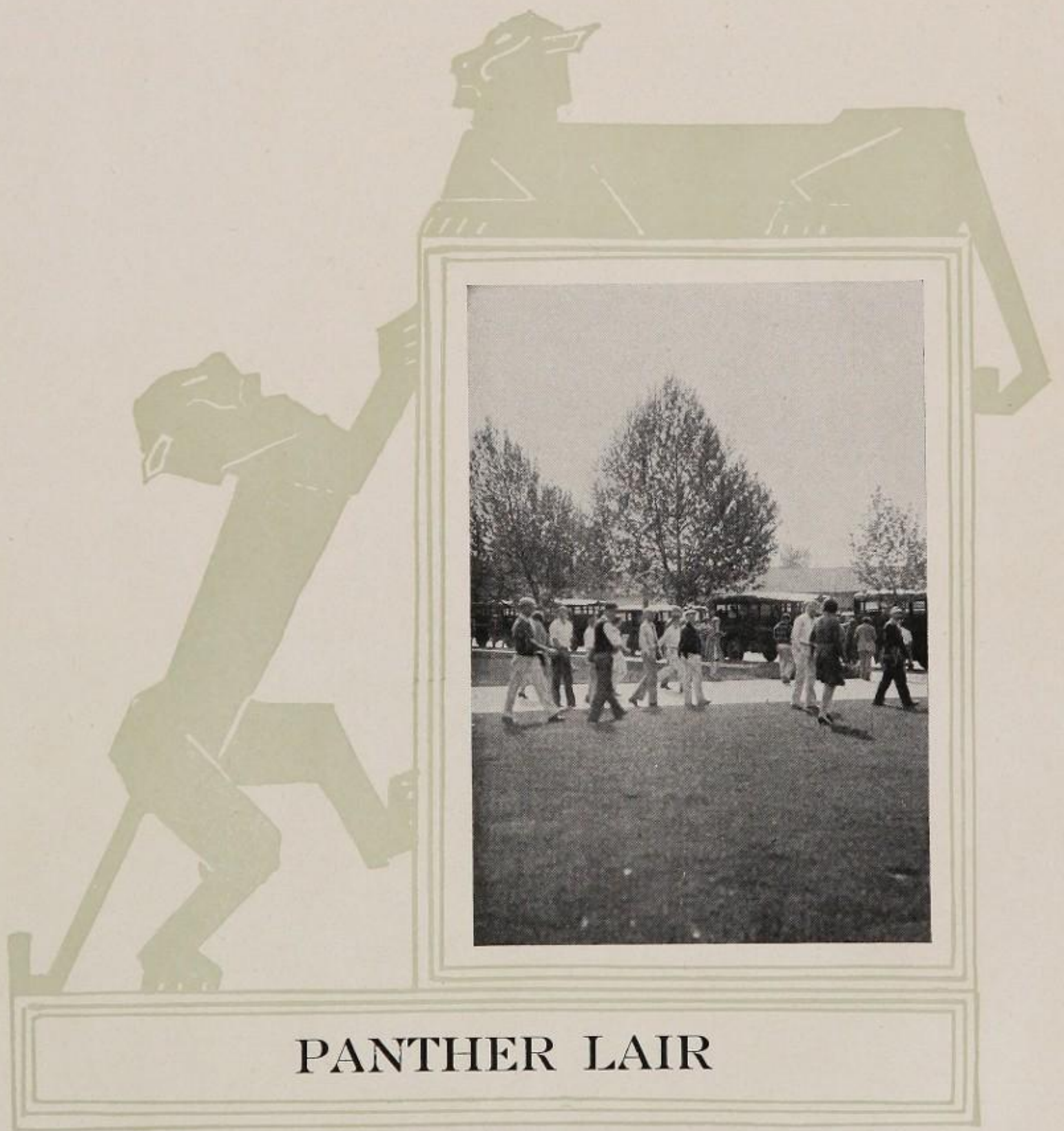


The School

*After long years have passed by,
And back in our memories we fly,
We shall linger at last
On the best of the past
On the great days of Modesto High.*

*So before all our memories are cool
We shall all of us make it a rule,
To remember each friend
Nor forget to the end,
All the rest in our dear old High School.*

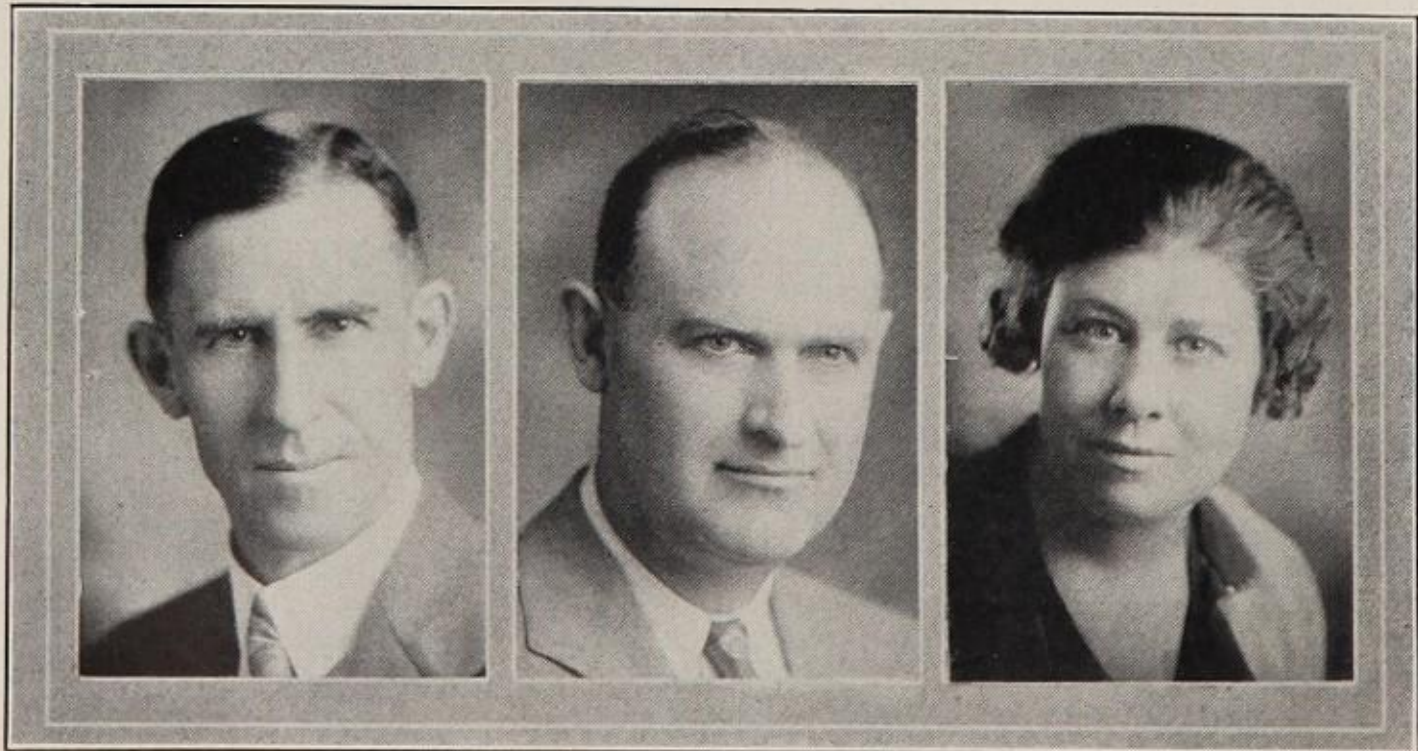
—H. S.



PANTHER LAIR

IF

If, during your days in Modesto High School, the recognized beauty of our campus has impressed you; if you have caught the thrill that comes from listening to glorious music; if some fine inspiration has come to you through your effort to appreciate a work of art; if your interest in history of the past is leading you to be interested in world affairs; if you have learned to enjoy recreation so that you will always have zest for play in its season; if you have learned how to work and to find real happiness in your work; if through being a good citizen in our school you have learned something of your duties toward your fellows; if you have caught a vision of what your life's work is to be and if you are making definite practical preparation for useful service in some vocation or profession; in a word, if all the good habits, wholesome attitudes, and high ideals to be developed here are finding genuine expression in your life from day to day, you may know that you are becoming educated, and you may feel a real pride in the events and activities recorded within this volume.



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Associated Students



E. BOONE

There was nothing dead about the executive committee this year! The Tuesday morning meetings have been mighty up-roaring affairs, but nevertheless a great deal has been accomplished and initiated this term.

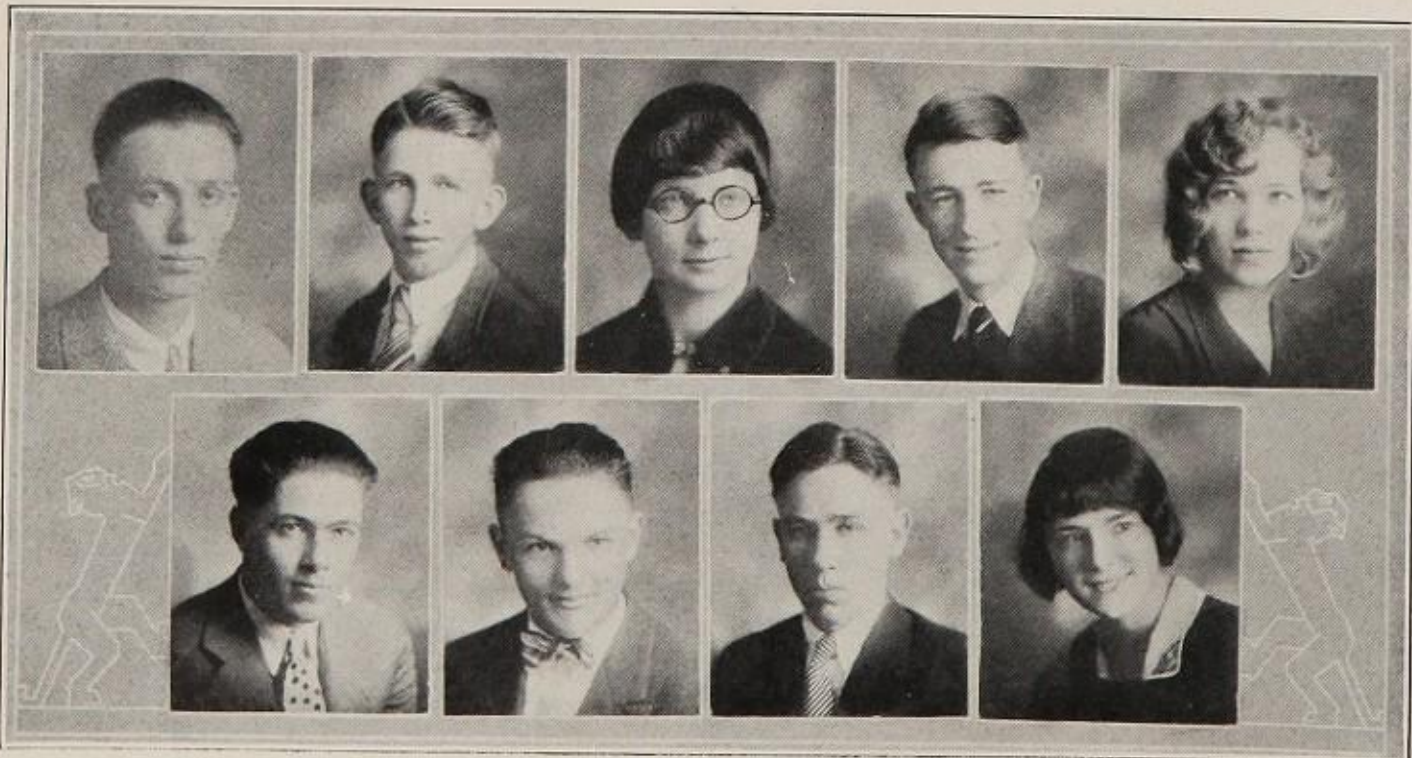
All officers of the Associated Students are looking forward to real prominence next semester, through actually having an office of their own. There is an inkling, also, of the rise of a judicial body, the revision of the constitution, and a new type of student body tickets. None of these innovations are certain, but at least they evidence a new interest in student body government.

At last the turf field is in sight! This is the joy that is certain to football fans now. For two years the Turf Field Fund has been growing, until now the grassy plot will be a reality by the next football season.

Vernon Cuneo decided he had too much work to do last semester, so he and his cohorts succeeded in passing an amendment to reduce the labor of the student body business manager. Managers of each activity have performed most of the work under the supervision of the business manager.

The second new amendment provided for revision of Block M requirements and provided special awards for outstanding work in athletics, agriculture, and debating.

Bring on your opposition, but just watch the old student body drive!



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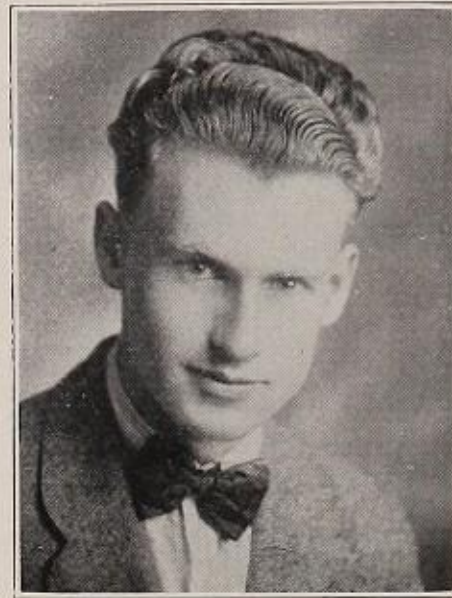
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February Officers

Senior Histories

Experiment 12345678—Preparation of Seniors

Apparatus: Container, in shape of M. H. S.; assorted teachers; class room, capable of being well-heated; books (kinds not important, deepness and dryness essential); saturated solution of School Spirit.

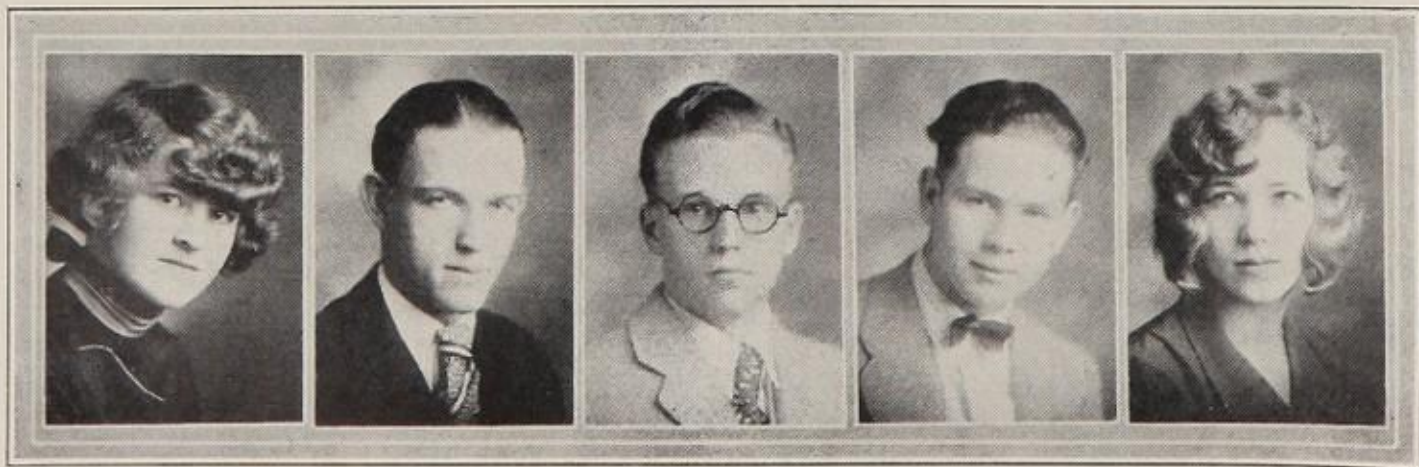
Material: Two hundred very green freshmen.

Preparation: Turn two hundred green little freshmen loose in school on September 5. Heat well in advisories. Allow to run out (when the teacher is not looking) to cool off. Warm well on an average of once every fifteen minutes during the first day. Bump and bruise all boys in Spanking Machine and Royal Bumps. Treat girls more carefully, as they are breakable.

Rub with ointment of "hic, haec, hoc," and allow to melt in heat of summer sun with a half-bound volume of "Caesar, in the Original Language."

Dissolve in School Spirit and allow solution to crystallize into stars of track, public speaking, dramatics, and school citizens.

Sift and grade specimens carefully. Array in all colors of the rainbow, and pack carefully on uncomfortable chair on a stuffy stage. Allow to remain in fixed position for two hours; present with diplomas; and on June 16, turn loose two hundred well-seasoned Seniors.



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June Officers

ADAMS, ELIZABETH

Like "Lizzie," her namesake, when once she is started, nothing will stop her.

ALLEN, MILDRED

Motto—First to leave, last to come.
Makes the classes far less dumb.

ASHMUN, PHYLLIS

It's hard to tell just how next
You'll meet this lady fair;
But if there's fun and laughter, too,
You may be sure she's there.

ALGAR, JAMES

The cool-headed cartoonist of considerable concentration.

ARMSTRONG, SHIRLEY

Not as strong of arm as her name suggests, but her brain makes up for the lack.

ARMSTRONG, MAY

Major Hoople's superior (in disguises.) First, a fanatical inventor; then, Mrs. Creighton Woodbridge. What next?

AMSBAUGH, ANTONY

What is life without a kick? So Amy went out for football.

BARR, ANNA

A grizzly b'ar is fierce,
A teddy b'ar is not,
An Anna Barr is something new
So shoot it on the spot.

BAIRD, ELIZABETH

As lady-like a lady as ever there was
bo'n,
And yet we're sure we've seen her at
leap-frog on the lawn.

AUSTIN, LENORE

I am the soul of the circus.

BATES, MARIAN

Her heart is pure gold (hard and yellow). Don't take this seriously.

BARTLETT, HAROLD

He follows the good advice of his teachers, but at so great a distance no one would notice it.





BONNICKSON, MARGARET

She sang like a lark—with her throat.



CLARKE, MARIAN

Some people never grow up!—Clarky still comes to school on roller-skates.



BOONE, EUGENE

An honored member of the Bachelors' Club. Like the other members, his favorite dessert is an all-day sucker.



BRENNAN, GLORIA

She thinks the sign "Nothing over fifteen cents in here" is rather a slam—she is a Woolworth clerk and is there most of the time.



BEARD, FRANKLIN

Bud Whiskers is an optimist.
He wouldn't give a penny
For any modern Chrysler six—
He has a run-down Ford.
(And such a Ford!)



BAESLY, BETTY

The Huntress. Have you ever noticed the cupid's dart she always wears on her dress?



BECKER, JUNE

The Sunshine Girl. She knew so little about crying she had to use an onion in dramatics to make her tears seem realistic.



BERDOT, JOSEPH

One word from him can change a scene of gloom and darkness to one of perfect sunshine—Joe is chief electrician of the auditorium.



BREWSTER, JACK

Not Jack, the Giant Killer. He wouldn't even kill time—but he certainly knocks it unconscious.



BLACKNEY, PORTIA

Smile, but don't let the teachers know you're laughing at them.



CRAWSHAW, LUCILLE

How fluently nonsense trickles from her tongue.



BREWSTER, FRED

"Some folks lie awake nights worrying over their lessons, but it's all I can do to keep awake in class."

Just June

BRIDGEFORD, HUGH

Old Story: 12:00 a. m.—Pen "hasn't scratched yet," and an English theme ahead. Oh, well!"

BROWNE, BARBARA

"Back to nature is her motto. She plays tennis in her bare feet.

CLAPHAM, BERT

A used key is always bright—so is Bert's ability of thinking up excuses.

BURKE, HELEN

To her the three sweetest words in the world are—"Class is excused."

CAMPBELL, FRANCES

She'd walk a mile for a camel (the animal, of course)—if the hike were in the opposite direction from the school.

BRADY, LANIER

Office Force (s'nuff said). He's the one that hands out the little slip—"report at the office."

GRATZ, DEHAVEN

A perfect picture of suspended animation.

GILLUM, JUANITA

"Pack up your troubles" as tight as you can, but any teacher can bring them back at a word.

BURDOCK, LOIS

A paradox of modern life. Solve her if you can.

COLLINS, IRIS

She thinks the boys are but a bore;
Her lessons all she does adore.
(Like fun!)

CRABTREE, FLOYD

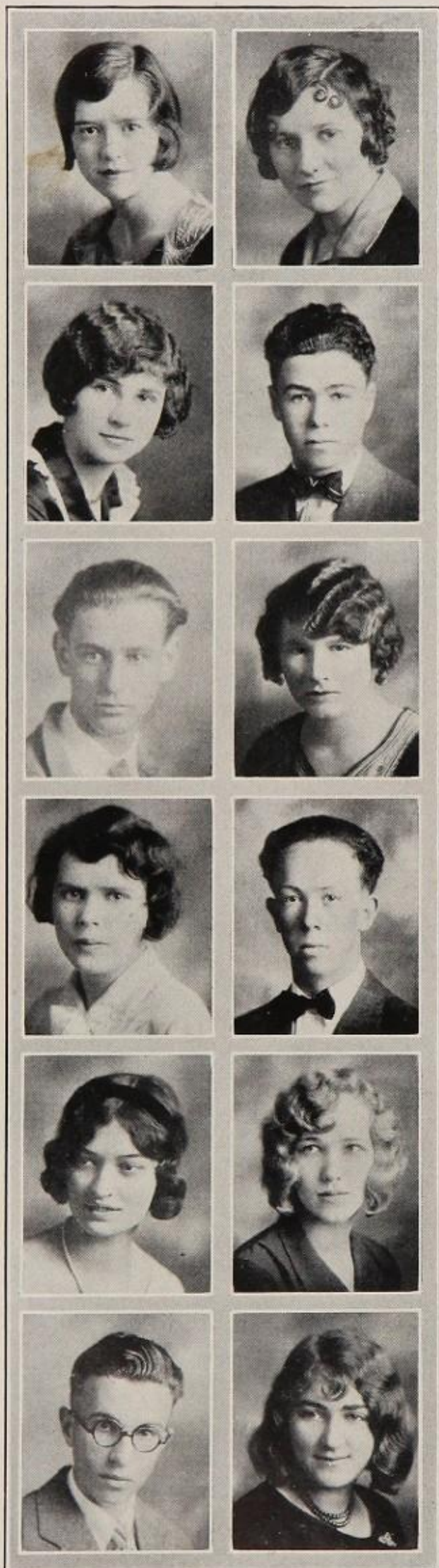
"It floats." So does Jim after she smiles at him.

BONSACK, CHARLES

M. H. S.'s short story writer: "Late—had to wait for a freight train."



Charles Bonsack



CROKER, CATHERINE

"School is made for learning; all learning; and nothing but learning"—
"Bunk," she says.

CULPEPPER, MILDRED

She wants to know why we can't write notes when "even your best friend won't tell you?"

FITZGERALD, MAXINE

"All things come to him who waits" but if you wait too long about handing in a paper, you sometimes get more than you want.

GRIFFIN, GEORGE

A phrenologist could tell nothing by looking at his head. The supposed bumps are merely his natural wave.

FRAZER, ROBERT

Favorite song—
There's a long, long trail a-winding
Into the land of the foe,
Where the other team's attacking—
But the ball right there must go.

FREEMAN, EDITH

Favorite song: "Work, for the teacher's coming."

DIMOCK, GERALDINE

"It's the little ones who count" up the days till the next vacation.

DIXON, ARCHIE

Miss Brown's pet grief. He says more in one period of algebra (without raising his hand) than he does all the rest of the day (with raising his hand).

DOLEMAN, HELEN

She asks, "Why get your lesson when 'Four out of every five have it'?"

DONKIN, VIOLA

These words always remind you of her, "You may kiss my foot, Tsumu."

DIAL, WILLIAM

"Still water runs deep." You can never tell how fishy it is under the surface.

EBIE, GRACE

Doctors say, "Heart disease can be cured," but I've found that it always comes back in a new way.

GROSSMAN, SOPHIE

"They satisfy" her, but the teachers don't seem so easy to please with a second-hand excuse.

GRIFFIN, JOHN

A word to the wise is sufficient, but Johnnie never claimed to be wise.

CHAPMAN, LUELLA

She says, "The early bird gets the worm," but who wants a worm anyway?

DAVIS, VELMA

Her advice—
Sing a song—oh, any song—
Nor matters what it be;
But please be sure to not forget
Before the assembly.

DAVIES, EDNA

Her motto—"Ask dad, he knows" where the pocketbook is hid.

GLICK, ROYAL

When Royal enters the argument, it is "time to retire."

GLICK, EARL

He hears "his master's voice" and immediately goes to the board to write the problem.

GOULD, WILLIAM

His way through school was lined like the Mississippi River—with bluffs.

DOWNEY, MILDRED

Not exactly a goose even if she is a little "Downey."

CUNEO, VERNON

Lengthy words of nothing.
Little looks of scorn,
Make this boy considered
Smartest ever born.

CRABTREE, CLAIRE

Trouble never comes singly—neither does this twin; Jim is always nearby.

FRANKS, CRYSTAL

If haste makes waste, she doesn't waste much time.





DUCKART, ALFRED

He thinks that the world is at his feet; we know if it is he has talked it to death and it's lying there unconscious.



FISKE, STANLEY

Quick-witted—it comes and goes so quickly, no one can notice it.



FINNEY, ERWINA

I may be slow; but remember this, "Rome wasn't built in a day."



HALL, ELVIN

Tennis star:
Hit 'em high, hit 'em low;
But over the net they must go.



GUTH, MELVIN

Of him you never "tire." He is "guaranteed for 10,000 smiles."



HAWKINS, ELIZABETH

One of the "Fastest Four in America"



HANSEN, RAY

Speak for yourself, but don't let the teacher hear someone prompt you first.



HOGUE, BARBARA

Great trapper—can catch more trouble in an hour than most people can in a year.



HARBAUGH, MARIAN

She "keeps that school girl complexion" in her compact.



HOGUE, MERTON

He declares: "In the spring, a young man's fancy lightly turns to thoughts of—fishing."



HOLDER, JOE

It's easy to grin when you're lectured
In English and history, forsooth;
But the man worth while
Is the one who can smile
When he's being bawled out by the
Proof.



HASTRAN, KATHERINE

"Polly wants a cracker" but she would much rather have a chocolate sundae.

HAWKINS, ALBERT

"What goes up must come down," so Hawkee plants himself under the ascending ball and prepares to make a touchdown.

HARDER, LETITIA

"The most ferocious girl in school." Though others may be hard-boiled—Letitia is always "Harder."

HAWKINS, MARY

"Precious things come in small bundles." It's lucky for Mary that all value is not measured by inches.

HAWKINS, ORLENA

An Amiable Amazon who Arrests the Admiration of All.

HENDLY, MARJORY

No, of course she doesn't know anything about The Boston Tea Party. She didn't receive an invitation—and she wouldn't have gone if she had.

HIGGINS, WILLIAM

A queer taste. The skin he loves to touch is a pig-skin.

HOBART, CHARLES

His noisy ways we need not mention. Nearly all tricks are his invention. His actions are certainly queer. A genius for cut-up he is, that is clear.

FAINTER, RUTH

She has a faint knowledge of history but her knowledge of chemistry is Fainter.

HASCALL, ALTA

Not so big, though her name does mean "high."

HANSEN, THORVALD

One glance at Terrible Swede during a football battle is enough to show his opponents how he won his name.

HOOVER, MARIE

Though she is not acquainted with Herbert, their ancestors might have hung from the same "family tree" and might have been great friends.

HOSSLI, HILDA

She says: "School would just be perfect if you could always let x equal the unknown."





JENSEN, ELMER

One thing he has learned in high school: "When an irresistible force meets an immovable object—the window usually breaks."



LOVE, ELGIN

A High, Happy, Handsome Hopper, and not so half-hearted.



MATTESON, GERALDINE

"Four out of every five" haven't their lessons, so why should I?



MALONE, MILDRED

Motto: "An ounce of preparation is worth a pound of excuses."



JOHNSON, ESTHER

All Spanish is chili con carne to her.



JONES, ELIZABETH

Sixty laughs a minute is short count when Lizzie is near.



LUNGRIN, EARL

Earlie was his first nickname; Late would be a better one now.



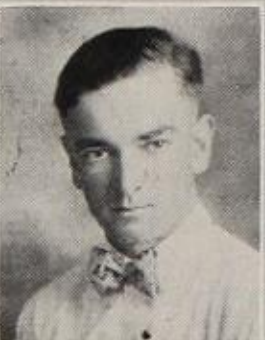
McCUMBER, HELEN

Cuke is the green vegetable of M. H. S.



McKINLEY, LEONA

Extra!! L. McKinley caught exceeding the speed limit for getting out of class.



MUSCIO, ELDRED

"Sitting on top of the world" would be a wonderful attraction if the top were too small for a school building.



MILLER, ROY

The sweetest music in the world to him is the chime of the bell at 3:45.



MONESE, NADINE

She believes that a jolly smile is the best way to make the teachers think you really like them.

HOUSER, CHRISTINE

Her motto: "You must do all of your work some of the time; some of your work all of the time; but never do all of your work all of the time—or you'll miss a lot of fun."

LORENZ, CURTIS

"The north wind doth blow." Wrong again—it's just Curtis with his cornet.

MALONE, MARJORY

Alice in Wonderland went "through the looking-glass," but to it is far enough for Margy.

JOHNSTON, GEORGE

If perseverance were rain, George would be a deluge.

MATHIASON, ELMER

Our cave man—the cave is in the front of his face.

LOCKE, FRANCES

The fastest girl in school (with a typewriter.)

JONES, PEARL

"Fifteen minutes a day" is his maximum for any lesson.

KAUFFMAN, LEROY

"The flavor lasts," but the gum didn't. Teacher noticed him chewing almost the moment he entered the room.

KAUFFMAN, FLORENCE

She says: "It's all right to 'say it with flowers' but don't let the other members of the class know you are working for a passing grade that way."

LANDINI, EDNA

Office force. "Take things as they come," she says, "is all right but when the 'things' come in late every day, it gets kind of monotonous."

LEHMAN, CARLETON

The world's greatest magician. He can reproduce anything on the stage merely by a couple of hundred waves of his paint brush.

JOHNSON, NORMA

This sign is probably somewhere on her books. "Wet paint—hands off."





MONTGOMERY, DOROTHY

Dot-and-dash. The — stands for Harold, of course.

MORRIS, MARVIN

Up from his seat all covered with books
A startled lad all sleepy looks;
He'd taken class time for a nap,
Till teacher's knuckles his head did rap.



RANSOM, CHARLES

Motto: "Verily, he who tooteth not his own horn, the same shall go untooted."

POULSON, DOROTHY

Dorothy used a little word,
Its like was seldom seen;
For when she meant to say, "It's been,"
She always said, "It's bean."



MOTTRAM, HORTENSE

One of the four hundred who have licked Mr. Brown's cake of salt.

MURPHY, HELEN

What care I for work of mine?
I seek pleasure every time.



MURPHY, HAROLD

He usually likes comfort, but there is one time when the North Pole with its hardships has great attractions—when teacher says, "Harold, rise and summarize today's lesson."

NEILSON, HELEN

She thinks that "being on the ground floor" means you're standing in sawdust.



MUNDT, DOROTHY

To her the "three r's" of high school life are: rubbers, rings, and Reynolds' Store.

MEADOWCROFT, CLIFFORD

He could say, "I don't know" with more dignity and conviction in his voice than anyone who ever came to high school.



OLIVE, CLARENCE

"It's toasted." So was Clarence after the teacher found out he had forgotten to do his English.

PRESTO, PEGGY

Lesson! Lesson! Who has his lesson?—And Peggy always did.

OLSEN, MILFORD

"Good to the last drop"—only eleven feet (plus) is a good ways to drop.

RAMONT, GLADYS

She says: "Children should be seen and not heard is all the bunk; I tried it in class once and it didn't work."

SHIRLEY, DOROTHY

"There is a reason" when she forgets to do her lesson. But then Dot has a good imagination.

SCHOTT, HORACE

The radio fan. He tunes in on Station M.-G.-L.-A.-S.-S. quite frequently.

OVERSTREET, HARRY

"57 varieties" of excuses and each good. if only it had not been given so many times before.

QUAYLE, KATHERINE

Seldom works and never hurries,
Seldom flunks and never worries.

PRESNELL, EARL

He says: "Lakes are one of the beauties of nature, but mud puddles certainly don't follow the direction of their elders."

ROSE, AVIS JEAN

If one gets seven years bad luck from every broken compact mirror, Avis may rest assured of a long life.

MUGAR, HRATCH

One good turn deserves another; when he has the car, he never chooses the straightest way.

RAMONT, RUBY

"Days may come and days may go, but I'm the same forever." Will she ever grow up?

MUSCIO, MAUVERIN

"The harder you hit, the higher you bounce;" but when she lands after a jump, it's the sawdust that flies up.

RAYNOR, HARVEY

"Sometimes I go to chemistry to sit and think; then sometimes I go and just sit."





REYNOLDS, MARGARET

A future telephone-operator. She demonstrated to the assembly her fitness for the position—gum-chewing and all.

ROBERTS, MARGARET

"M. Roberts and Co.—Dealers in Paint." She is official make-up boss of the dramatics class.

SCHMIDT, JANICE

"Great oaks from little acorns grow." But Janice is not much more than an acorn yet.

ROBERTSON, DUDLEY

He says: "Not a cough in a car-load" certainly does not apply to the air in Room 12 when SO₂ is being generated.

ROBERTSON, EDNA

"Miles of smiles" are not enough. You could hear her jolly ha-ha in the lobby any day at lunch hour.

PLAGG, BYRON

Says: Let H equal S, R equal B, N equal M, then my motto is: "Hit and run."

RUDEL, VIOLA

"It's a Long Way to Tipperary," but I wish I were on my way when Miss Ross announces an examination in Am. Dem.

OLIVER, ELSA

Mighty like a rose—a primrose.—Her day does not really begin till four o'clock.

SHIRLEY, DONA

Her greatest decision—"To ditch or not to ditch; that is the question."

OSTERMAN, ROBERT

"The light that never fails" is not found in the Osterman home. Bob is a strict enemy of the burning of midnight oil.

SIEBOLD, HOWARD

He thinks he's the whole cheese. We know he's only the hole. (Not true either.)

SIMMS, MARIAN

Little Tommy Tucker Sang for his supper. Marian does it without any reason at all.

SIMMS, VANCE

"Art for the grades' sake" is my rule.

STRATTON, THOMAS

We hail this lad in letters of fame,
His wisdom wide we will proclaim:
For Tommy's the lad who goes to
sleep
Whenever the subject's hard or deep.

STRAIT, LODA

"Perfection is its own reward," but
he would rather be less perfect and
have something to show for it.

SMITH, ELLA

If all the history books were stacked
in one tall column Ella would set fire
to them.

SNEDIGAR, IVA

"Around the world in 80 days" was
slow compared to the way she came to
school. The clock was fast.

STEARNS, BOBBIE

A high-ball is her chief delight—the
tennis kind, of course.

STALKER, ANNA

She should be a success at snipe-
hunting since she is such a good
"Stalker."

TODARO, FRANK

He says of school: "Of all the sad
words of tongue or pen, the saddest
are these: it might have been—worse."

SOREM, STANLEY

He may not have possessed the key
to the city, but, nevertheless, everyone
came to him when their lockers needed
opening.

STEELE, WARREN

I like work—it fascinates me; I can
sit and look at it all the time.

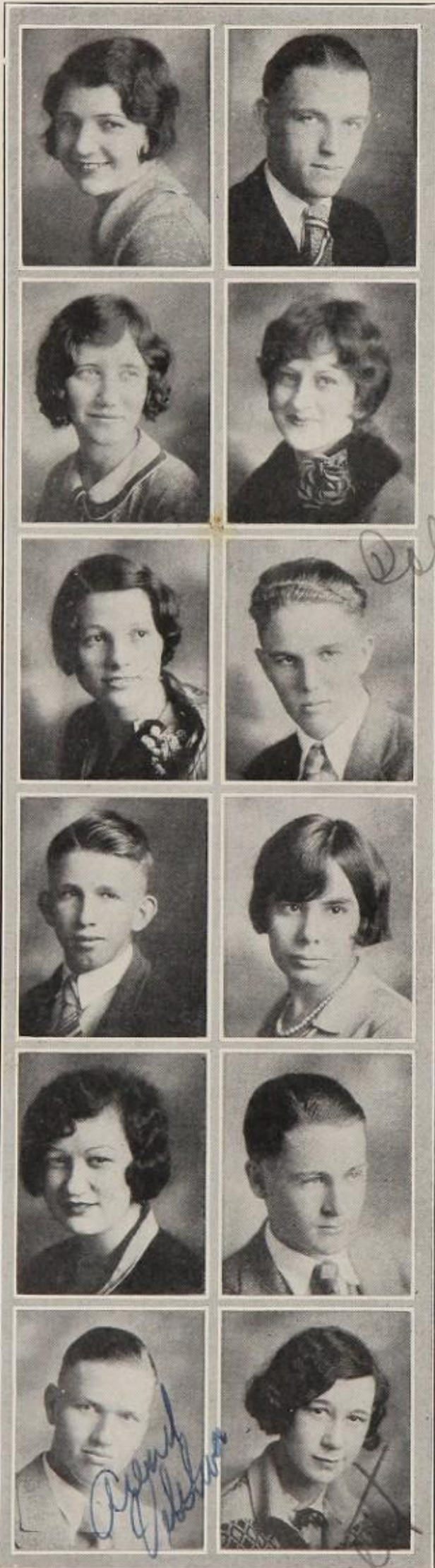
STELFLUE, MAXINE

"Safety first" is her motto. She tried
her speeches for public speaking on
the cat before she used them in class.

WATERMAN, EMMA

Seldom she knew of what she talked.





STIVERS, ANNA

She says: "It sometimes is hard to say just what you think—especially when you do not happen to be thinking."

STONE, ROBERT

Not as hard a customer as his name suggests.

STITH, MAXINE

"Peanuts! Peanuts!"—She is head peanut-seller at track meets and football games.

SMIDL, MARY

A very superstitious young lady. She studies only in the dark of the moon.

SWALLOW, MARY

Unlike the bird, she is with us the year around. M. H. S. would not seem natural without her.

WOLFE, DALE

A wolf in sheep's clothing—but the wool has been already woven into his suit.

THOMPSON, WALTER

If words were hot water, Ted would out-do Old Faithful.

DUNHAM, LUCILLE

Her life is an open book, but the pages of talking must have been stuck together.

STREETER, RUBY

Here only a short time—but what a hole remained after she left. (The hole was the one she dug in her desk.)

SIPE, HOWARD

Howard, if teachers only knew How little work you really do.

VELTHOEN, AREND

He came; he saw; he conquered his shaky knees and said, "I—I— heard I was wanted here in the office."

STANAGE, HARRIET

"Necessity is the mother of invention"—especially when you have to fill out REASON on absent or tardy slips.

WEBER, LILLIAN

As a musician, she is the follower of Pan—but not the dish-pan.

WENDLING, FLORENCE

Like Jack Horner, she has had to sit in the corner ever since she came to High. Reason: not badness (as you suppose), but because her last name began with "W."

BRADY, RONALD

Greatest single-handed bluffer on the campus.

WOOD, GENEVIEVE

Not a sap-ling, though it is wood, too.

TABER, MARJORY

She says: "Sign up for class and see the world" through the class room windows.

WINN, WESLIE

Nine loads of dirt (more or less). The principal thing that he learned in High.

WYATT, VERNON

"To the victor belongs the spoils"—that is why the teacher's desk contains so many of his rubbers.

GUILMETTE, ADDIE

Says: "Why girls leave home—Algebra!"

WRIGHT, SHIRLOW

99.44 per cent bluff.

TIBBETT, MARIE

A dignified Senior when she left, but now most any afternoon you can see her in cords riding horseback all over the country.

MERTONS, GWENDOLYN

She thinks the "rule of three" is that of mother, teacher, and Mr. Utter.

WILLIAMS, WILBUR

This **should** be his motto: "Eventually, why not now?" (When he says, "tomorrow" he will hand in a paper.)





WARREN, ISABELL

He's a fool who thinks by force or skill
To turn the current of a woman's will.

REYNOLDS, MARGARET

A future telephone-operator. She demonstrated to the assembly her fitness for the position—gum-chewing and all.

BRODEN, CLAUD

A very "picture" of movement in class—after he is seated, it would take a quick eye to detect any movement until the bell rings.

HUGHES, ISABELL

She says: "I'd be perfectly willing to 'hitch my wagon to a star' if I thought it would take me away from lessons."

An Humble Apology

The Sycamore staff wishes to apologize most humbly to the following prominent Seniors: Mary Carter, George Miller, Warren Store, Margaret Rydberg, Margaret Hiatt, Sue Elleby, and Rita Atkinson. Their individual pictures appear elsewhere in the book, but due to an oversight their pictures have been omitted from the panels of Senior pictures. We sincerely trust they will forgive us this time. Here are their characteristics, anyhow:

MILLER, GEORGE

I might be better if I would
But it's very lonesome being good.

CARTER, MARY

Of all the things that Pat does well,
'Tis sad indeed—she cannot spell.

RYDBERG, MARGARET

Margaret is against all this anti-war discussion. She made such a wonderful nurse in "The Boomerang" she would like to try it in real life.

ELLEBY, SUE

Latin did her some good. She gained a nickname from it: "Sui, sibi, se, se."

HIATT, MARGARET

Her favorite game—soccer. Probably the name reminded her of her favorite way of winning an argument with her sister.

STONE, WARREN

In history: "Yeth, Mith Roth, that battle wath in thixteen thixty-theven."

ATKINSON, RITA

At drawing she's a whiz,
She'll draw you anyway;
But what she likes the best of all
Is just to draw some pay.



12-B Seniors

Muriel Swegles

First Semester

CLASS OFFICERS

Second Semester

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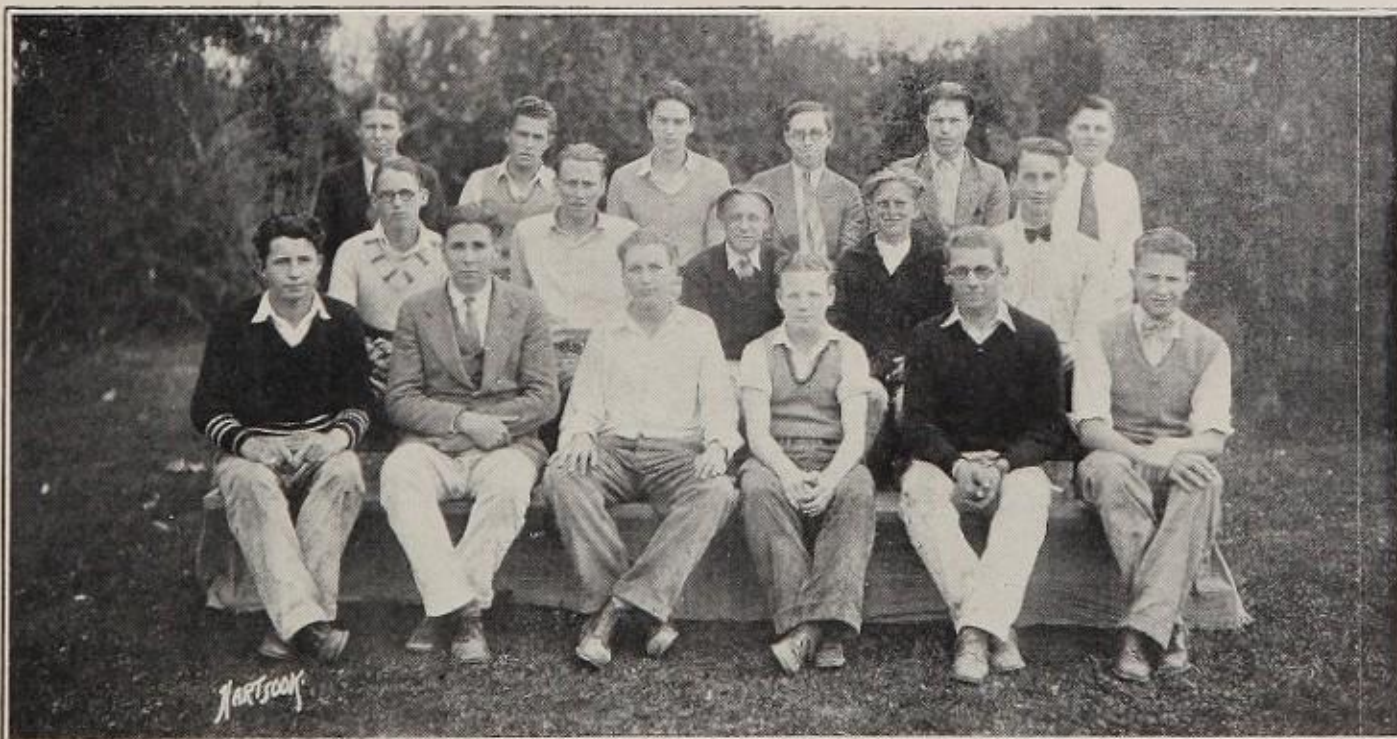
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M. AMERINE





11-A Juniors

First Semester

CECIL SANDERS
 MARC JOHNSON
 JIMMIE HANSEL
 RAY SIMMONDS
 GALEN HARTWICH
 CORINNE WALLACE

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 Vice-President
 Secretary
 Treasurer

Nominators

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MARC JOHNSON
 JIMMIE HANSEL
 MILDRED HIATT
 DAROLD SCHULER
 MARIAN HORNACEK
 MAURICE EVANS

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 G. FLOOD
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J. DEZZANI
 R. LOCKHART
 L. OAKES

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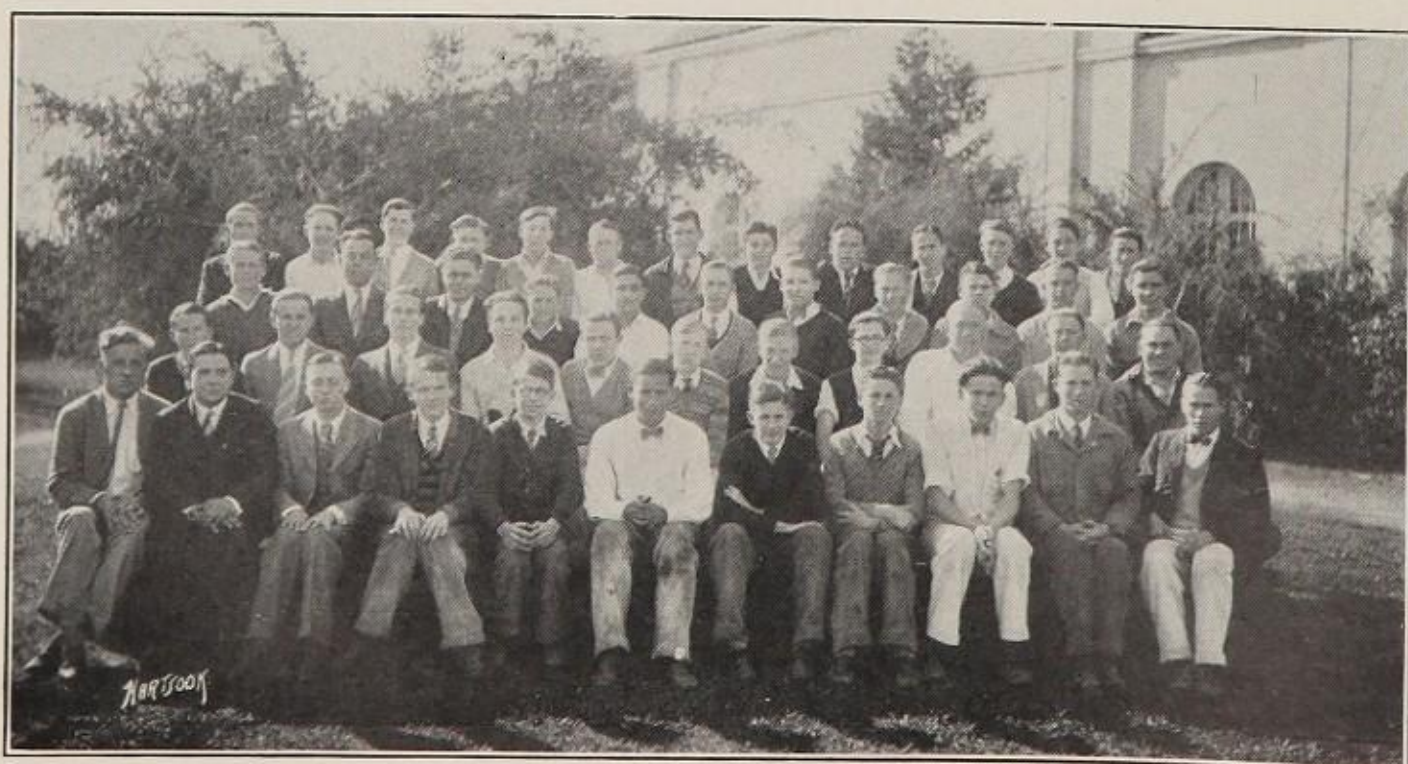
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DEBATERS

M. JOHNSON





11-B Juniors

<i>First Semester</i>	CLASS OFFICERS	<i>Second Semester</i>
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EDWIN TAYLOR	Secretary	HENRY LAWS
MYRNE HAWKINS	Treasurer	TED GRENFELL
SON SEARS	Yell Leader	ISADORE BRACHMAN
JARED HAWKINS	Nominators	JARED HAWKINS
KENNETH ANDERSON		ROBERTA GRAYSTON

BAND MEMBERS

M. DENNY	R. WILHITE	B. SEARS	D. MCGEE
M. REDMAN	M. HOUGH	D. ZIMMERMAN	E. F. TAYLOR

DEBATERS
FRANCIS HALLEY

HONOR SOCIETY
D. ZIMMERMAN





10-A Sophomores

<i>First Semester</i>	CLASS OFFICERS	<i>Second Semester</i>
DICK ROSS	President	DICK ROSS
ORALOUSE McHENRY	Vice-President	BESSIE MATTHEWS
MARGARET BARNELL	Secretary	MERRILL COLLETT
ELEANOR STEPHENS	Treasurer	ORALOUSE McHENRY
RAY KING	Yell Leader	ERNEST SMITH
BESSIE MATHEWS	Nominators	VERNON O'MEARA
VERNON O'MEARA		FRANCIS WENDLING
BAND MEMBERS		
L. BIDLEMAN	B. FOX	L. OESAU
M. PHILLIPS	T. REAMER	S. SMITH
M. COLLETT	HONOR SOCIETY	DORIS GOODY
M. MARTIN	B. MORRIS	DOROTHY GOODY
D. DODD	DEBATERS	M. GARTIN
M. COLLETT		V. O'MEARA





10-B Sophomores

<i>First Semester</i>	CLASS OFFICERS	<i>Second Semester</i>
JOHN MUIRHEAD	President	LORENE CUNEO
VIOLA CARRILLO	Vice-President	JOHN MUIRHEAD
SHIRLEY RICE	Secretary	ALVIN ZEFF
DONO BECKER	Treasurer	SHIRLEY RICE
TOM MOORE	Yell Leader	TOM MOORE
LORENE CUNEO	{ Nominators }	JOHN WING
MARIAN FELLOWS		DONO BECKER
BAND MEMBERS		
H. EMERSON	I. LARSEN	L. MEEKER
E. E. TAYLOR	J. WING	S. WINFREE
HONOR SOCIETY		
L. CUNEO	G. KIERSCH	E. RAINES
DEBATERS		
L. CUNEO		E. DUNHAM





9-A Freshmen

<i>First Semester</i>	CLASS OFFICERS	<i>Second Semester</i>
JOHN AYRES	President	ROBERT FRAME
LUCY HARRIS	Vice-President	STANLEY DUFTIN
CHARLES FLACK	Secretary	LEWIS HAWKINS
JACK PAYNE	Treasurer	LON UTTERBACK
JACK KATCHER	Yell Leader	JACK KATCHER
LEWIS HAWKINS	{ Nominators }	DICK BARE
WILLIAM BERRYHILL		JOHN AYRES
BAND MEMBERS		
G. ARCHAMEAULT	L. UTTERBACK	H. HAMER
L. HAMMER	D. BARNELL	A. ZEFF
HONOR SOCIETY		
L. BRACCO	M. BRACCO	L. EILERTSON
V. FOX	L. MATTOX	E. ODELL
M. RITTER	T. SANDERS	E. SCHULER
F. SCNEDER	I. SIMMONDS	C. WAGONER
M. SALBER		





9-B Freshmen


CLASS OFFICERS

President	JOE SALAS
Vice-President	MIKE BACCIARINI
Secretary	CARL BOMBERGER
Treasurer	LAWRENCE ELLIOTT
Yell Leader	VIRGIL KEMP

BAND MEMBER

LAWRENCE ELLIOTT





Activities

*"Fun is work" is the motto we take;
Our school life is active, awake,
And once we get started,
Our efforts whole-hearted
Will show we're not merely a fake.*

*Then let's see what has happened outside,
In our activities we must take pride.
Through them we've gained fame,
For they've taken the name
Of Modesto, and broadcast it wide.*

*There is something of interest in each,
And the different departments they reach;
Their value has grown,
And we have been shown
The worth of the work that they teach.*

—H. S.



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secretary; Lawrence Elliott,

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Frame, president; Stanley J

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ell leader, and Dick Barr

Cunco, president; John Mur

secretary; Shirley Rice, treas

representatives.

M. AMERINE

R. INGOLS

First Semester

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Girls' League

Flowers, food, and Christmas carolers! Where could one find a more interesting conglomeration of achievement and fun! So much has been done by this awakened organization that we are fairly appalled at its roster of activities for one short year.

From merely a nominal group hertofore, the League has been reborn to such an extent that even the boys admit "The Girls' League is keen this year; you're doing a lot of good around school." For this fresh impetus to Miss Davis we owe our great gratitude. It is she who has inspired pep and life and spirit into the girls as a unit. She, as Dean of Girls, is solely responsible for this true Girls' League, whose yearnings are not merely for fun and frolic, but are yearnings for friendliness, for school spirit, and for better womanhood born of Girls' League standards.

The greatest step toward unification has been the codification of the ethics of the Modesto High School's ideal girl. By the end of next year it is expected that the Code of Ethics will be the official regulations of the girl students' life on the campus, administered by a special committee for the purpose.

Among the outstanding combinations of fun and seriousness, the new installation services holds first importance. The Senior Farewell Ceremony was even more significant, looking toward next year's program.

Attendance at Girls' League conventions at Redwood City and Madera, the presidencies of Viola Donkin and Margaret Hiatt, the visit of Dr. Aurelia Rinehart—all these have contributed to the progress and success of the League this year.



GIRLS' LEAGUE CABINET

Girls' League

Watermelon, sand, and fun completed the menu! This feed on the river was the shining light of the fall season, when Modesto High's debutantes dined royally on watermelon at the river bed.

A clan gathering of Panthers could have nothing on the Royal Amalgamated Order of Hoboes as they collected in the transformed study hall for the classic Hobo Party Circus, "committee meetings," and handouts, ruled over by Queen Hobo Margaret Hiatt and King Hobo Izzie Warren, which attracted not only about four hundred Leaguers, but several pedagogues, and numerous boy-friends.

As the Sycamore goes to press, plans are incomplete, but the class picnics promise their share of the year's entertainment. Even the pie-sale was not the least enjoyable of all possible events.

Never forgetting their service work, much happiness has been broadcast by Girls' League announcers this term. First came the red-frocked carolers, who contributed Christmas cheer to five churches, two luncheon clubs, all town hospitals, and the business district. The city will not soon forget these massed singers!

The Flower Committee has "built" new curtains for the teachers' rest room, and each Monday morning they place fresh flowers in the faculty "study hall," room 1.

On Easter these same energetic girls distributed beautiful bouquets to those in hospitals who would not be likely to receive flowers from other sources on that day.

Surely the Girls' League reputation is established! These girls are adept at everything from dressing Christmas dolls to preparing and presenting three monstrous floats in the Armistice Day parade!



CHRISTMAS CAROLERS

*Archib
Barnett*

SYCAMORE

Service Club

Out of the remains of a long-lost organization, a new club has risen to prominence this last semester. It bears the name of the older group, the Service Club, but its membership and aims are very different. The real purpose of the club is to promote school spirit by way of encouraging and supporting student activities through advertising and boosting coming events and movements.

Members of the Service Club are elected by the student body, one member being chosen from each advisory. In addition to the president, vice-president, and secretary of the student body, the class presidents are ex-officio members. The big weakness of the group is that it does not contain all of the real student leaders, but it is at least giving the lower classmen a glimpse into the inner workings of student body government.

The biggest task these students have tackled so far is the studying of the Constitution of the Associated Students. The executive committee is constantly encountering ambiguous or misleading statements in the present constitution; so, presupposing that this group is a representative one, it has been their task to study and recommend needed improvements that could be incorporated into a new constitution.

In addition the student members have been instrumental in selling tickets for student affairs and encouraging attendance at such functions. When important questions, such as the acceptance of the budget, need the attention of the student body as a whole, these students return to their respective advisories and explain the problem.

At least the members get out of going to advisories to meet with the Service Club! Let this be an inducement for prospective student leaders to perk up their ears and hope for a place for themselves on the student representative body.



SERVICE CLUB

Honor Society

The shining lights of the institution have for the protection of their vulnerable scholarship banded themselves together into what is known as the California Scholarship Federation Chapter, Number 52.

The big event in the Honor Society calendar was the set of Greek plays produced for the purpose of replenishing the annual Junior College Scholarship fund. The program consisted of two one-act plays, "X=0" and "Helena's Husband," and a gorgeous pageant or spectacle. No less a personage than Warren Steele was the forsaken Helena's husband. Bill Ross and Carleton Lehman provided most of the voices in the dark for "X=0," or a "Night of the Trojan War." The spectacle which followed centered around the Goddess Athena, Dorothy Poulson, and was probably the most striking performance of the afternoon.

These serious-minded students turned their thoughts to lighter things on the occasion of their party in May. No less an interesting event was the hilarious trip to and from the convention at Sacramento.

Officers for this year were:

<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Spring Semester</i>
LESTER O'MEARA	President	ISABELL WARREN
MARY CARTER	Vice-President	CAROLINE CARTER
ISABELL WARREN	Secretary-Treasurer	DAROLD SCHULER
Publicity Manager		MARY CARTER
Faculty Adviser		MISS ROSS

Seal-Bearers for the year were M. Carter, I. Warren, and E. Boone.



HONOR SOCIETY

The Forum

"Practice what you preach." This is the motto that twenty-five members of the Forum, sometimes called the Debating Society, have lived up to. They have not considered it sufficient to make good grades in their class work. The ambitious members have put their talents into practical use by devoting their time to the many kinds of public speaking affairs, and have helped to "put them over big." They have taken active parts in ticket sales for debates and the other public speaking events. They sponsored the extemporaneous contest very successfully.

Those who held offices during this successful year are:

<i>First Semester</i>		<i>Second Semester</i>	
ISABELL WARREN	President	CAROLINE CARTER	President
CAROLINE CARTER	Secretary	HILDA HOSSLI	Vice-President
MARC JOHNSON	Treasurer	ROYAL GLICK	Treasurer
		MARC JOHNSON	Debate Manager

To Miss Painter, our faculty adviser, goes much credit for the success of this last year. She helped us over the many "hard bumps" which come to every society. Many social affairs were enjoyed by the members, some of which will never be forgotten as they were among the most enjoyable of the socials held during the past year in high school.



FORUM

Interscholastic Debating

"We have conclusively shown you that we have the right side of the question." That is what the Modesto Websterions proved to the judges in every debate held, winning six out of the six debates in which they competed, making a total of fifteen out of a possible eighteen points.

Four cups were at stake this year, and the Modesto debaters brought them all home! Two of them are now ours permanently, and the others will stay in Modesto until they are won away from us, which must happen within three years. After that time they are ours permanently.

Isabell Warren competed on three winning teams and was high point man in all three. Walter Thompson competed in the first two and was also high point man. Both received a garnet in their gold M pins, this being the highest honor possible to earn in the public speaking events.

INTERSCHOLASTIC DEBATING SCHEDULE OF DEBATES

1.

"Resolved, that the Inter-allied war debts should be cancelled." Modesto vs. Newman 2-1, Modesto vs. Fresno 3-0; affirmative—Isabell Warren, William Ross; negative—Walter Thompson, Marc Johnson. Summary: Opponents 1, Modesto 5.

2.

"Resolved, that the lower division of the University of California should be discontinued by 1932." Modesto vs. Turlock 3-0, Modesto vs. Sacramento, 2-1; affirmative—Walter Thompson, Caroline Carter; negative—Isabell Warren, Eugene Boone. Summary: Opponents 1, Modesto 5.

3.

"Resolved, that the Federal government should pay all expenses for complete control of the Mississippi flood waters." Modesto vs. Escalon 3-0, Modesto vs. Oakdale 2-1; affirmative—Caroline Carter, Royal Glick; negative—Isabell Warren, Francis Halley. Summary: Opponents 1, Modesto 5.

Grand summary: Opponents 3, Modesto 15.



F. HALLEY, R. GLICK, C. CARTER, M. JOHNSON
W. THOMPSON, R. GLICK, I. WARREN, W. ROSS

Sophomore Debate

Sophomore hot air is becoming as effectual as that of the more experienced league debaters. Miss Ellis coached the first debate this year, producing two winning teams. This debate was held on November 18 with Sacramento and Turlock. Doris Dodd and Francis Halley upheld the affirmative, while Margaret Gartin and Merrill Collett debated on the negative. Both debates were unanimously in favor of Modesto. The question for debate was: "Resolved, that the age limit of compulsory education in California should be placed at fifteen years or the completion of the eighth grade."

For the second debate two upper-class debaters, Caroline Carter and Marc Johnson, under the supervision of Miss Painter, sub-coached the teams. Merrill Collett and Evelyn Dunham upheld the affirmative against Escalon, winning unanimously, while at the same time Lorene Cuneo and Vernon O'Meara, supporters of the negative, faced the Oakdale team, winning a 2-1 decision. The alternates for this debate were Cora Doleman and Joel Carter.

The purpose of Sophomore debating is to furnish a new interest for Sophomores, giving them a chance to belong to the Forum while still underclassmen and incidentally preparing more debaters to participate in league debates in their Junior and Senior years.

Merrill Collett is the only one to win his gold M for participating in two debates.

This year a Freshman-Sophomore debate was held three days before the first regular Sophomore debate. The same question as the Sophomore debaters had been working on was debated upon. Mr. Williams coached the Freshman team who faced the regular Sophomore debating team. The decisions were both in favor of the Sophomores.



SOPHOMORE DEBATERS

Joel Carter

Orpheus Club

Obscurity has not been a detriment to one of Modesto High's organizations, for at every meeting of the Orpheus Club members are succeeding in bring their club into the limelight. The club was organized last year for the purpose of studying music and has survived its third semester to become a permanent feature of our music department.

For the sake of their æsthetic beings, the girls have this year studied the music of the Romantic and Classical periods. Biographies, stories, and musical presentations are featured at the monthly meetings of these girls. Socially, too, this club knows its stuff. Meetings are held at the homes of the members, and what socials they can plan!

Of the twenty girls in the club, the following have been officers for this year:

President	MARY HOUGH
Secretary-Treasurer	MARIAN SIMMS
Faculty Adviser	MISS GARVIN

EXTEMPORANEOUS CONTEST

Using "Disarmament" as her subject, Isabell Warren took honorable mention in a very closely contested extemporaneous contest held on January 20, in Modesto. Isabell was very close to the representatives from Fresno and Stockton, who earned first and second places, respectively. She gave one of the best speeches ever given by a pupil from the Modesto High School stage.

In the home finals James Algar, Lillian Weber, and Ellen Wiltse were chosen, the latter being alternate for the final contest.

ORATORICAL CONTEST

"Goethals—Our Modern Hercules—the Wonder Worker of the Age."

It was this subject that brought first place to Modesto High in the annual Oratorical Contest held at Turlock on May 4. Royal Glick represented Modesto High. Through his sincerity and earnestness, Royal easily won first place over Stockton and Turlock, winners of second and third places.



M. PAINTER

R. GLICK

I. WARREN

The Playmakers

The Playmakers, the dramatic club of Modesto High School, has survived its first year of existence with fine organization and membership. Formed on May 5, 1927, by a small group of live and enthusiastic students, it has grown to have the largest membership of any club in the school.

Meetings of the club are held twice a month. At the first meeting of the school year a new plan for programs was instituted, which provided for a short business meeting, followed by a talk or reading on some phase of drama, and concluding with the walking rehearsal of a one-act play.

The first of the enjoyable social affairs sponsored by the club was the theatre-party held on the stage of the high school auditorium, which had been turned into a Japanese fairyland by colorful decorations. It was at this party that the new members were initiated.

After the presentation of the January Senior Play, "The Poor Nut," another lively party was held at the home of Velma Davis where the members of the cast were guests of honor.

At the beginning of the spring semester the officers of the organization were entertained by Miss Dozier, the faculty adviser. Plans for the activities of the club during the semester were discussed.

The officers for the year were:

<i>Fall Semester</i>		<i>Spring Semester</i>
MARY CARTER	President	VIOLA DONKIN
MARGARET RYDBERG	Vice-President	GALEN HARTWICH
ELEANOR STEVENS	Secretary	MARION HORNACEK
MYRNE HAWKINS	Cor. Secretary	LOIS ANN BURDOCK
LESTER O'MEARA	Treasurer	LANIER BRADY
Dramatic Manager		MAYNARD AMERINE
Faculty Adviser		DORIS DOZIER

Too much appreciation cannot be expressed for Miss Dozier whose endless zeal has made the dramatic department the widely-famous one it now is.



PLAYMAKERS

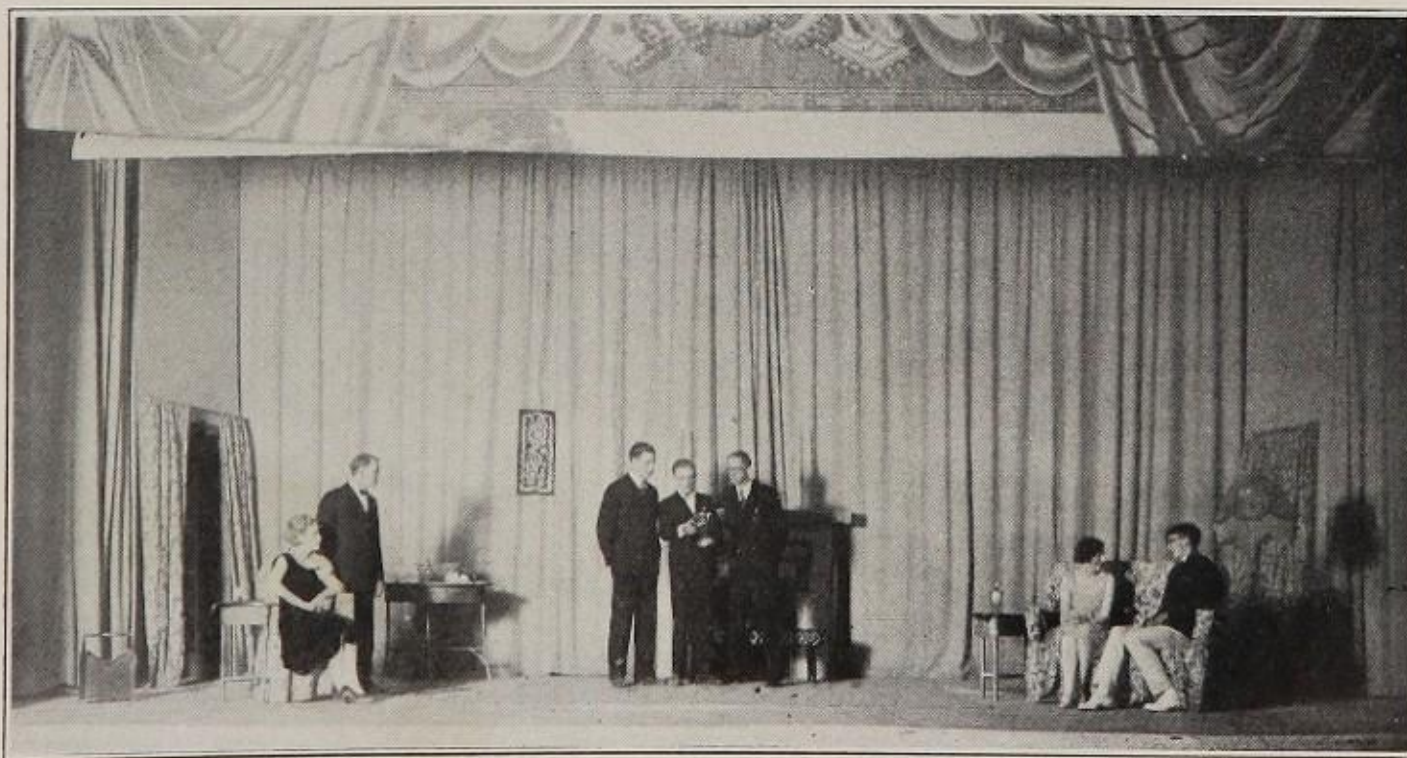
THE POOR NUT

There are walnuts and peanuts in abundance, but poor nuts outclass these. The February Seniors, however, have shown everyone that any poor nut can be cured by their play, *The Poor Nut*.

John Miller was a faithful student of botany and a worker in one of the college bookstores. His only trouble, as defined by Julia Winters, was an inferiority complex sustained when he was a Freshman by noodle soup. He is brought out of his depression by Margerie Blake, his co-worker in the bookstore, and became not only a successful lover but a big "Frat" man and athlete.

The cast is as follows:

"Colonel" Small.....	HUGH BRIDGFORD
A Freshman.....	FRANCIS HALLEY
Margerie Blake.....	VELMA DAVIS
John Miller.....	WALTER THOMPSON
Julia Winters.....	PHYLLIS ASHMUN
"Spike" Hoyt.....	ELMER MATHIASSEN
"Hub" Smith.....	WARREN STEELE
"Magpie" Welch.....	CHARLES RANSOM
Coach Jackson.....	HRATCH MUGAR
"Wallie" Pierce.....	THORVALD HANSEN
Professor Deming.....	THOMAS STRATTON
"Doc" Spurney.....	GEORGE CORSON
The Official Announcer.....	ROBERT RACKLEY
The Official Starter.....	MAYNARD AMERINE
Two Ohio Runners.....	ROBERT FRAZER
	ALBERT HAWKINS
Three Wisconsin Runners.....	CLARENCE OLIVE
	LANIER BRADY
	MARVIN MORRIS
Rah Rah Girls:	
HORTENSE MCTTRAM, HELEN MURPHY, MYRNE HAWKINS,	
ALZADA BRENNAN, MADONNA CAMPBELL, FRANCES LOCK,	
BETTY MORRIS, ELIZABETH MORRIS, GRACE JACK.	
Rah Rah Boys:	
ROBERT SMITH, GLEN SHAW, DICK ROSS, CARL BELLO, JACK	
BREWSTER, FLOYD BENSON, EDWIN SPARKS, HAROLD	
BATES, PAUL WILHELM, EDDIE PLUMMER, MERLE WIL-	
LIAMS, LEONARD COFFEE, EUGENE MUREY.	
Girls at the dance, Act III:	
Reggie	MARIE TEBBUTT
Helen	ORLENA HAWKINS
Betty	MILDRED CULPEPPER
Florence	BARBARA BROWNE



THE POOR NUT

THE STAR IN THE EAST

Wanted: The Christmas Spirit by Modesto citizens on either December sixteenth or seventeenth of 1927 to bring peace and good will to others.

In reply to the above the students of Modesto High School presented *The Star in the East* to the community. The play was a Biblical drama in four acts by Anna Harnwell.

The cast was as follows: Hadassah, Dorothy Poulson; Anna, Margaret Reynolds; Mordecai, Edward Doleman; Haman, Warren Steele; Vashti, Viola Donkin; Ashasuerus, Walter Thompson. There were thirty-nine other parts in the cast.

DRUMS OF OUDE

War! Mystery! Noise! Romance! India! Such was the play, *Drums of Oude* by Austin Strong, presented by the 12B Oral English Class in November. The players were: Stewart, George Flood; Captain McGregor, Elmer Mathiasen; Sergeant McDougal, Robert Rackley; a private, Francis Halley; Lieutenant Hartley, Ronald Brady; Mrs. Clayton, Margaret Hiatt; Hindustani servants, Charles Ranson, William Ross, Leonard Pethoud, Charles Hobart.

STATION YYYY

The way Hortense Mottram said, "Children, children" in *Station YYYY* expressed her feelings perfectly, and she had plenty to express with a radio bug for a husband, a ridiculous radio program, and three quarreling children to annoy her.

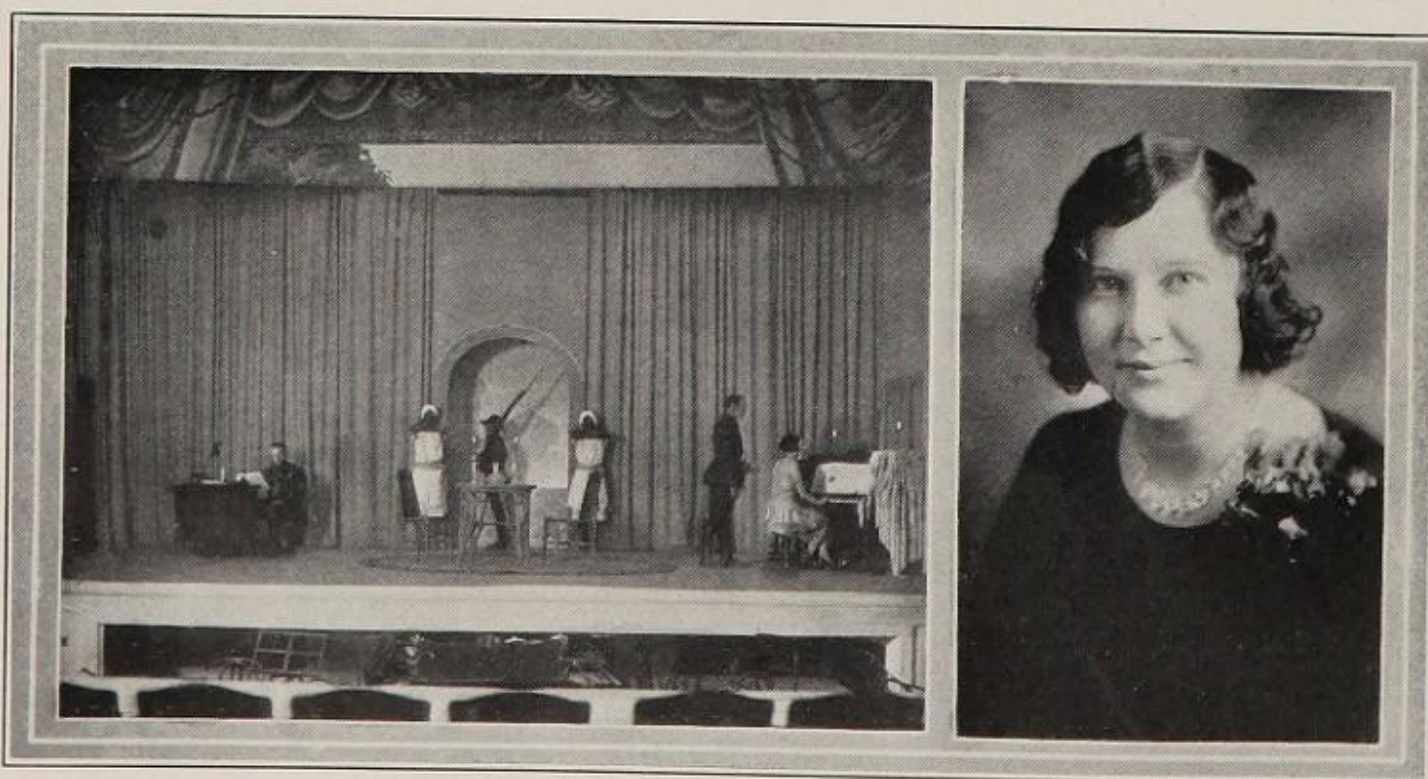
The cast was: Mrs. Winstead, Hortense Mottram; Herbert, George Flood; Anita, Helen Doleman; Caroline, Dorothy Montgomery; Annie, Rita Atkinson; Mr. Winstead, Edward Doleman; Roger, Marvin Morris; the chauffeur, Robert Rackley.

GREEK PLAYS

For the scholarship fund this year the dramatics department presented two Greek one-act plays and a pageant.

The first play was an historical comedy, *Helena's Husband*, in which the characters were: Helena, Viola Donkin; Tsumu, Margaret Roberts; Menelaus, Warren Steele; Analytikos, Thomas Stratton; Paris, Eugene Boone.

The second play, *X equals 0*, showed a night of the Trojan war. The players



DRUMS OF OUDE

MISS DOZIER

were: Pronav, Walter Thompson; Salvius, Carleton Lehman; Ilus, William Ross; Capys, Charles Hobart; a Greek sentinel, George Flood.

The pageant was a gorgeous affair depicting a victory scene. It was called "Temple of Athens." A large group of dancers and singers took part while Dorothy Poulson played the Goddess Athena.

SHAKESPEAREAN PLAY

In commemoration of the birth of Shakespeare the dramatics classes presented Benedick and Beatrice from Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing* for the approval of the students. The cast included Archie Dixon, Donald Jacobsen, Carleton Lehman, Maynard Amerine, Robert Rackley, Billy Murray, Billy Hamer, Margaret Hiatt; Eleanore Stevens, June Becker, Maxine Wing.

CAPTAIN APPLEJACK

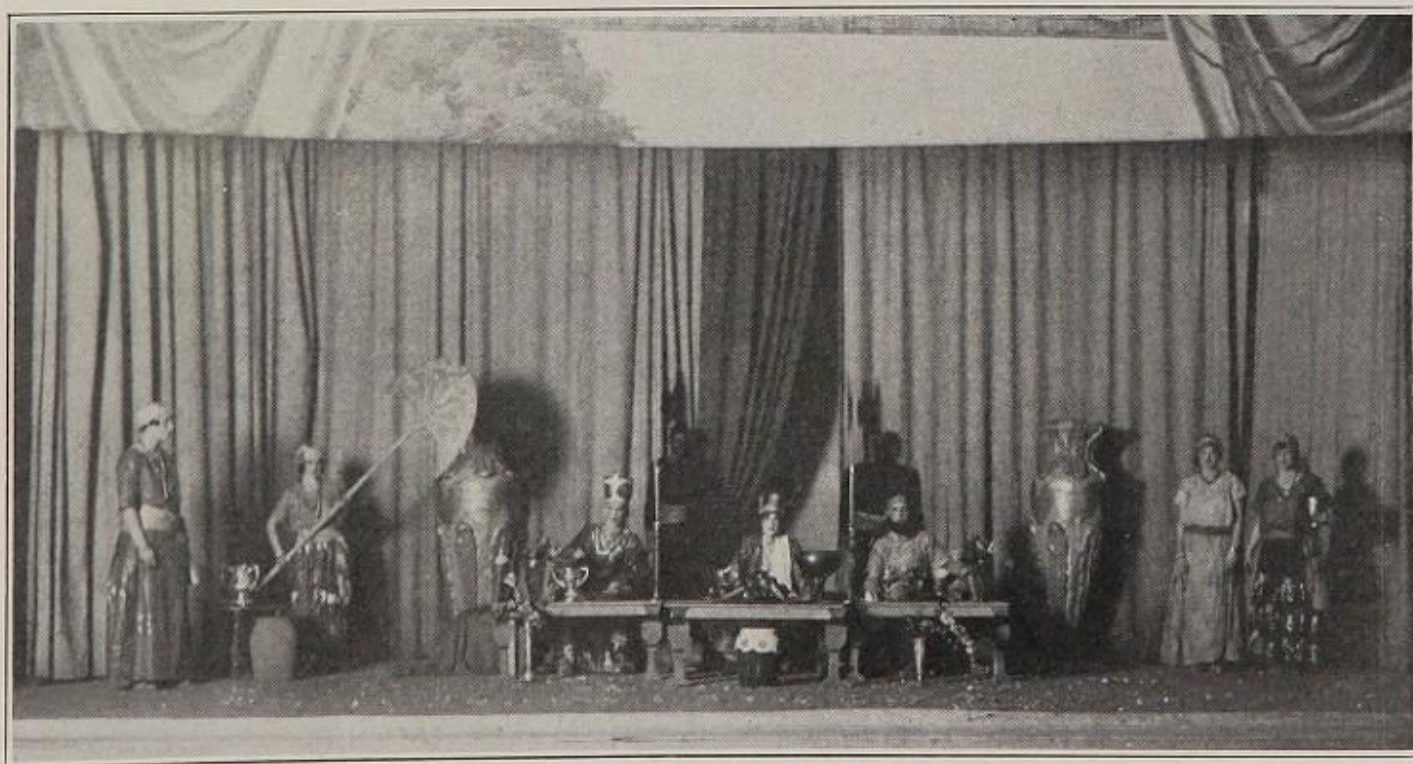
Skulls, crossbones, treasure, daggers, and what have you? So might the play, *Captain Applejack*, an absorbing mystery, be summarized. The Playmakers gave it as their own private production on June first and second.

Those in the cast were: Francis Halley, Margaret Hiatt, Margaret Reynolds, Carleton Lehman, Viola Donkin, Hortense Mottram, Joe Berdot, Maxine Wing, Don Jacobsen, Billy Murray, and George Corson.

THE BOOMERANG

Love is a game! Yes, perhaps. One often hears of love games, but now one can be certain that there are such things and if he saw the spring Senior play he would know just how to play that game. There Archie Dixon explained it marvelously and gave good examples, too, but that didn't seem to prevent his falling into the very same traps he had advised his nurse against. So runs the play, *The Boomerang*, and two well-satisfied audiences were able to chalk up another victory in favor of Modesto High.

The players were : Archie Dixon, Sue Elleby, Marvin Morris, May Armstrong, Kathryn Quayle, Charles Ransom, Barbara Browne, Margaret Rydberg, Robert Rackley, Franklin Beard, Joe Berdot, Margaret Hiatt, Eugene Boone, Harold Bates, Dorothy Montgomery, Harold Beams, Ronald Brady.



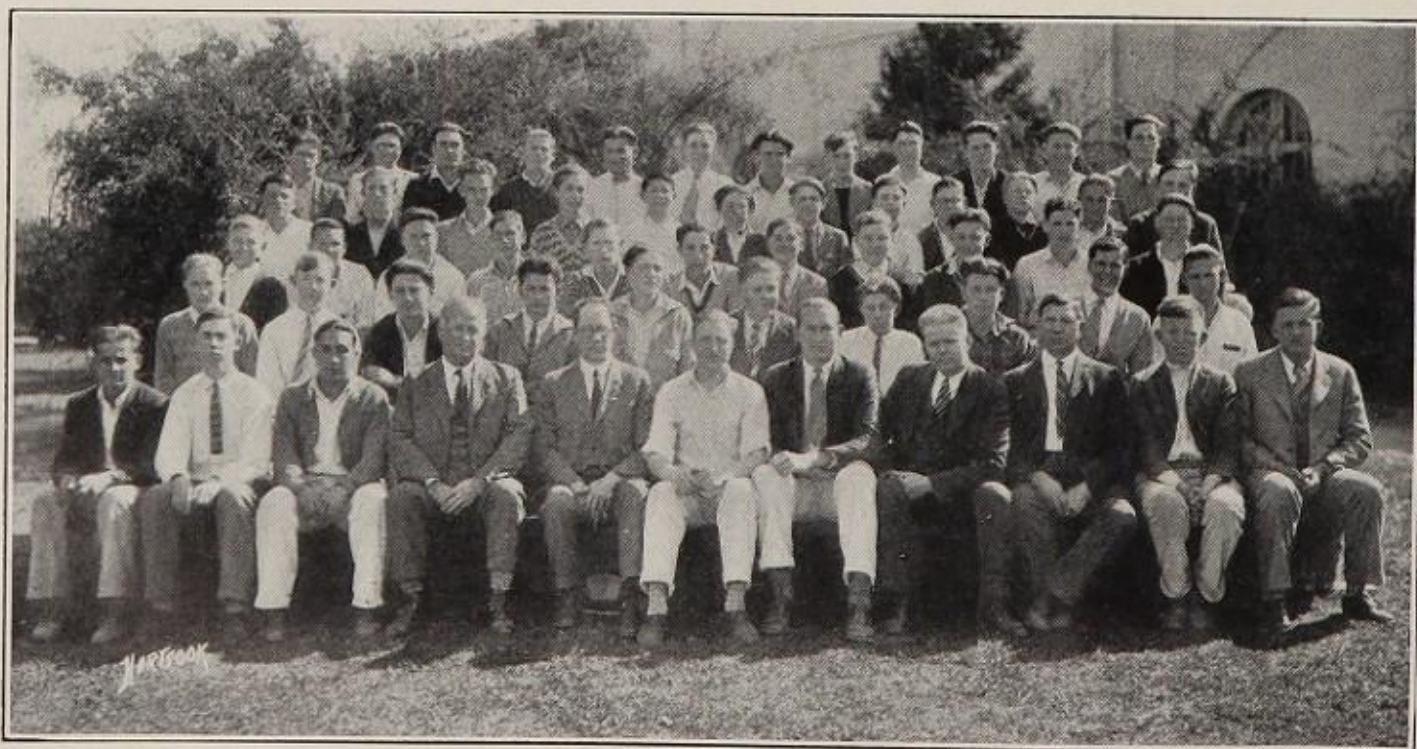
STAR IN THE EAST

Agriculture

Agriculture boys must learn to put over big jobs. It is a lively bunch of Junior Aggies that is getting the low down this year on how to serve the community. The Senior boys, for instance, are studying the agricultural problems affecting Modesto, and their findings will be published in the form of bulletins which will be distributed to persons living in this district. Tredway's farm mechanics class, too, is developing a similar program. Their action is to present worth while farm demonstrations which are attended by large numbers of ranchers.

Some people like to tackle pretty tough game, and this seems to be the present affliction of the Junior Aggies. They are taking upon themselves the task of making conclusive surveys of farm conditions in this county. The first of these projects completed were those concerning co-operative marketing and dairying.

The Agriculture department is the first in the school to develop a system of instruction in which students themselves choose the matter to be studied in each subject. By analyzing the problems connected with each new topic, the students lay out the job for the next class period. This prevents teachers from covering ground that is already familiar to the students and also it prevents them from choosing matter that may not be of practical value to the embryo farmers.



AG CLUB

Agricultural Judging Teams

Due to the loss of Howard Chappell, who left last year to become a state supervisor of agriculture, and to changes being made in the agricultural course, only two teams were entered in the state final contests this year.

The tree judging team, after winning first place in district and regional contests held at Davis and at Hanford, were entered in the state finals at Los Angeles, where ten regional champions met to compete for the state championship. Our team placed fourth in this contest.

The farm mechanics team placed in the Fresno district and later entered the state finals at Davis where it was awarded second place against a large number of teams. At the same contest the agronomy team won third place.

NEW PROJECT PLAN ADOPTED

Boys graduating from the agricultural department in the future expect to leave high school with a start in life in the shape of money made and saved from home projects. Already two boys, one of them a Sophomore and the other a Freshman, have made and saved \$500 each and expect to have at least \$1500 by the time they graduate. One of the boys made his money raising tomatoes and the other on spinach.

All projects in the future will be an a four-year plan, so that the boys will have a well worked out system of projects for their entire high school course.



AGRICULTURE TEAMS

Glee Clubs

Since co-operation is the secret of success, the vocal department this year has done most of its work through the combined efforts of the boys and girls.

The *Jazz Follies*, presented in November, was the first result of this combination. For being the first attempt of its kind in Modesto High the Follies were a large success financially and otherwise.

The program was divided into three parts; the first and third plantation scenes, while the second was composed of a Charleston skit directed by Leo Matesky and a one-act play coached by Miss Dozier. Those playing in the skit were: Betty Baird, William Zeff, Alvin Meyers, Bill Gould, Marian Simms, John Muirhead, and Warren Steele.

The cast of the play, *The Clock Shop*, was as follows: Floyd Benson, Margaret Hiatt, Warren Steele, Carleton Lehman, George Flood, Robert Rackley, and Thomas Stratton.

The remainder of the program consisted of song and dance acts. Those participating were: Bernard Sears, Phyllis Griffin, Everett Jolliff, Lester Oakes, Wilbur Williams, Nita Clark, Eleanor Hilton, Margaret Gartin, Oralouise McHenry, Eleanor Stevens, Vera Foreman, Edna Hall, Doris Ransom, Margaret Bonnickson, Shirley Rice, Bernadyne Wade, Marian Simms, Velma Davis, Margaret Rydberg, Muriel Ring, Grace Jack, Leonard Pethoud, Francis Wendling, Ray King, and Charles Blankey.

The next efforts of the department were centered on the cantata and Vocal Contest held in May. Approximately thirty students entered the voice contest. They were all of the vocal department and Miss Whalley commented after the preliminaries that every single one of them did remarkably well. Five girls and five boys were selected to enter



GIRLS' GLEE CLUB

the final contest. They were: Bobbie Stearns, Elizabeth Baird, Margaret Hiatt, Eleanor Stevens, Margaret Rydberg; for the boys, Lester Oakes, Francis Wendling, Emerson Harvey, Edwin Sparks, and Carleton Lehman. The winners of the finals, Margaret Hiatt and Lester Oakes, sang over KPO during Modesto's hour in Music Week. These two students each received a medal for their zeal and ability.

While the judges' decisions were being made at the final contest, the combined Glee Clubs presented a cantata, *The Sunset Trail*, by Charles Cadman. The solo parts were as follows: first soprano, Marian Simms; first tenor, Carleton Lehman; second tenor, Charles Blakney; third tenor, Bernard Sears; baritone, Lester Oakes; and bass solo, Wilbur Williams.

A chorus of approximately sixty-five voices was a feature of the cantata. *The Sunset Trail* was particularly difficult and the students did remarkably well with the assistance of Miss Whalley, Miss Garvin, and Mr. Mancini.

The clubs separately have sung before the various service clubs of Modesto, and many members have sung solos before other organizations. The boys' quartet, composed of Bernard Sears, Lester Oakes, Wilbur Williams, and Everett Jolliff, sang in many local programs.

Marian Simms and Velma Davis as Eva and Topsy, singing "Side by Side," made their first appearance in the Follies and were asked to present the skit several times. They were assisted by Margaret Rydberg, Muriel Ring, Grace Jack, and Shirley as kid dancers.

Collectively Modesto High's vocal department is well worthy of Modesto High.



BOYS' GLEE CLUB



Orchestra

Feature eighty-five band members down in the pit of the auditorium! Or as well to be imagined—try to conceive of Miss Whalley's Glee Clubs in the same position! What is left but the orchestra to provide the music for *all* high school entertainments?

If there were orchestra contests as there are band contests, it is certain that the orchestra would bring the school as many coveted honors as the band has brought. Plenty of our pride in our activities should be centered on the orchestra.

Three years out of five the orchestra has played for the Music Teachers' Convention of California. Several times, too, it has been "up in the air," or at least "on the air," for they have played over KLX, KPO, and other radio stations.

Besides playing for all the service clubs of Modesto and a large number of other organizations, the orchestra has played before several well-known men. When Secretary of Agriculture Jardine was here, the orchestra played for him. He complimented us, "You have as good music in Modesto as I have heard anywhere, and I know enough about music to judge."

John Philip Sousa remarked, "This orchestra is one of the very finest of its kind in America."

The band brings home the cups and medals, while the orchestra brings its honors in the form of compliments paid directly in words or in deeds when it is asked to play time and time again for the same organizations.



ORCHESTRA

Modesto High School Band

Toot! Toot! Toot! So the victory of Modesto High School Band was announced to the people of Modesto on the evening of May twenty-sixth. These three memorable toots meant that the band had taken third place in the national contest and was again on the championship list.

Competition was so very great this year that the honor of getting third place was twofold, and that we did give a creditable performance is shown in this comment from a Joliet newspaper:

"The band from Modesto, California, was one of the eye-openers, very well poised, very firm and confident. It showed fine control of its resources as directed by the efficient Frank Mancini."

A few weeks before the band went east it competed in the state contest at San Francisco and took first place. This made it champion of California for the second time and entitled the members to the trip east.

Never will the victorious band of Modesto High School and its admirable leader be forgotten; but national and state championships are not the only honors they have won. Whenever band music is needed or Modesto has a desire to show what it has as its own, the band is called out to play.

The man that is responsible for the victory of the band is none other than its leader, Frank Mancini, who has sacrificed so much for the sake of the band that it might become nationally known.



MODESTO HIGH SCHOOL BAND

Mathematics Club

The Mathematics Club was late in getting started, but when it did start, it began with an enthusiastic group behind it. At the first meeting twenty-five "live-wires" were present.

At the three meetings held during the first semester, the system of the use of the *abacus*, the oldest known method of mathematical computation, was discussed. In the meetings of the second semester, other old methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division were discussed.

The Math Club meetings may be divided into three aspects—the mental, the social, and the physical. The mental included the business meetings and the program for discussing various matters along the mathematical line. This part always proved very educational to the student. The next part, that of the social, included jokes and games. If one wished to have an enjoyable evening, this furnished it for him, as a "ripping good time" was assured for all. The physical aspect, and the most important one from the student's viewpoint, was that of serving "eats." Of course everyone always enjoyed this immensely, and it proved to be a very good finale for the evening.

At every meeting without fail Mrs. Macomber has favored us with her special conundrum, "Why does the Man in the Moon never marry?" When this was answered we all knew that the evening had been a success, for without this, the meeting would never seem to be complete.

The officers for the last year were: president, Marc Johnson; vice-president, Shirley Armstrong; secretary, Caroline Carter; treasurer, Joel Carter; faculty advisers, Mrs. Macomber, Miss Cowan, and Mrs. Giovannetti.

The main purpose of this club is to further mathematics, and during the past year it has not only fulfilled this purpose, but has promoted school spirit, friendships among students, and better understanding between the teachers and students.



MATH CLUB

Hi-Y

"Who spilt the beans and burnt the coffee?" someone asked. "Fine him ten cents for this misdemeanor," another shouted. This is what one gets for being a bad cook at the Hi-Y dinners.

This club is a fast-growing one now. Although it is recognized as a form of school club, it is independent in its organization. The Hi-Y Club is a branch of the Y. M. C. A., and we all know what the Y. M. C. A. has done in this country. With the ideals of this as a firm foundation we wish to improve ourselves, and we are trying to live up to the high standards that this organization has set up for us.

We have had a very varied and interesting program this year and consider ourselves further advanced than last year, not in number perhaps, so much as in spirit and activity. The boys of the club have collected tickets at several of the track meets and hope to continue such a program of service during the next football season.

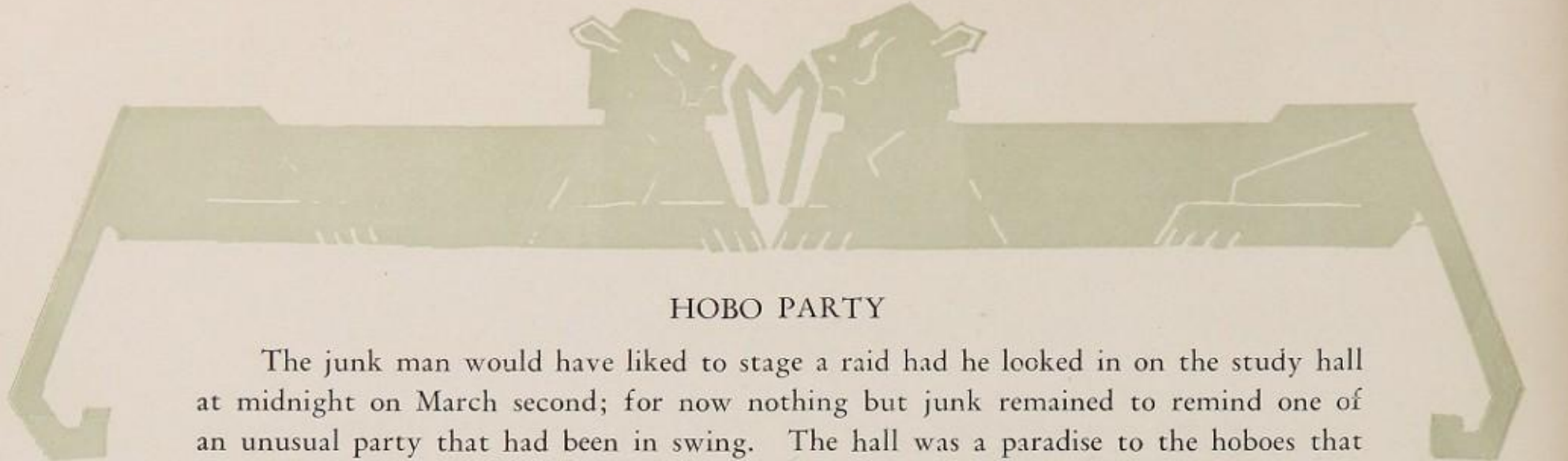
Among the other events this year we have participated in a father and son banquet, a parent and son banquet, and a ladies' night in the last semester. All have been successful and a very good spirit was created by them. We also had charge of the evening service in the Methodist Church for one evening. At this time we had an induction ceremony, taking six boys into the club. Tuesday evening programs are beginning to take on the appearance of the service clubs in the city. Every Tuesday evening at 6:30 we have a dinner and an interesting program for the members. In this present change in our program the boys have taken a great interest which is evident in their work and boosting for the club.

Officers are: president, Franklin Beard; vice-president, Charles Costly; secretary, Earl Presnell; treasurer, Merton Hogue; sergeant-at-arms, Donald Price.

—FRANKLIN BEARD, President.



Hi-Y



HOBO PARTY

The junk man would have liked to stage a raid had he looked in on the study hall at midnight on March second; for now nothing but junk remained to remind one of an unusual party that had been in swing. The hall was a paradise to the hoboes that gathered there. Games, sideshows, and eats furnished by the Girls' League to the girls of Modesto High provided ample entertainment. The party was voted a raging success by every hobo who was present.

WATERMELON FEED

Since feeling quite alone and apart when all have an equal amount of watermelon on their faces is impossible, a watermelon feed was chosen to welcome the new girls and to begin the Girls' League year in September. Due to the picnic (or was it watermelon?) The girls who returned home that evening didn't look at all like those who had left school in the afternoon.

FALL JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

The decorations at the fall Junior-Senior banquet were all in an airplane mode showing that the A Juniors were highly affected by "Lindy."

The program, too, carried out the motif of the evening. James Algar, Junior class president, welcomed the Seniors as "Our Lindberghs;" Thomas Stratton, Senior president, responded with "The Take Off;" Walter Thompson gave a humorous speech on "Conquering the Air." Plans and conditions of the Seniors were summarized in Dorothy Poulson's speech, "Flying Above the Clouds." Mr. Utter closed the program with an appropriate interpretation of "The Parachute Leap."

AG BANQUET

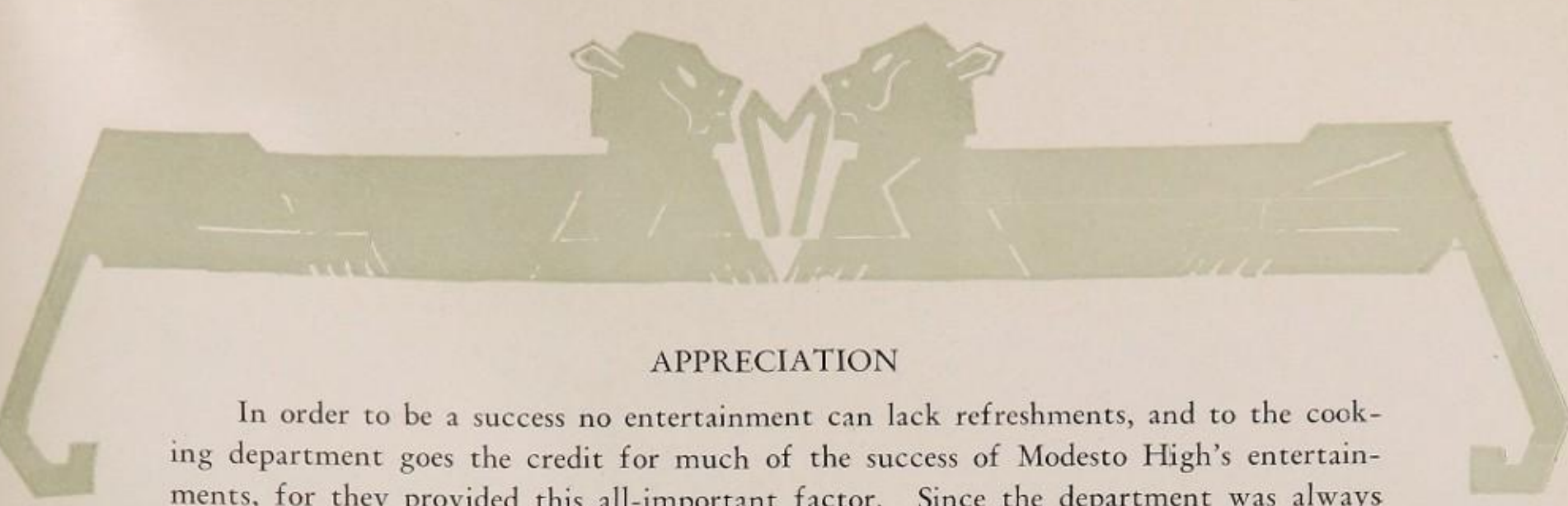
This year's "Ag" banquet was made wholly interesting to the parents and friends who attended, not only by the elaborate chicken dinner served to them by the cooking department, but by the interesting program. Mr. Chappell, formerly of Modesto High, was the speaker of the evening. Speeches were given by Mr. Bradley, Mr. Garrison, Overton Blanchard, and Franklin Beard. Earl Presnell acted as toastmaster.

SENIOR-FROSH PARTY

The Seniors made a challenge to all classes during the spring student body ticket drive in which they offered the winning class of the drive a party, with the reservation that if the Seniors won, the losing class would fete them. The result was that the Seniors were obliged to fete the 9B Freshmen on Friday, April thirteenth, at a party that, for noise, food consumed, and damage done was unsurpassable.

SPRING JUNIOR-SENIOR BANQUET

Everyone enjoys eating, especially if they don't have to pay for it, so needless to say the spring Seniors enjoyed the Junior-Senior banquet. Since the Juniors enjoyed being hosts, everyone enjoyed the occasion. Because of the size of the classes, the Hotel Modesto banquet room was secured for the occasion. The motif was colonial and the decorations and speeches cleverly carried it out.



APPRECIATION


In order to be a success no entertainment can lack refreshments, and to the cooking department goes the credit for much of the success of Modesto High's entertainments, for they provided this all-important factor. Since the department was always there when food was needed, we are glad to thank those who have helped so much in our social affairs of the year.

DEBATERS' REUNION

Modesto High's public speaking family was formally reunited on the evening of June ninth when all of our alumni that had participated in any public speaking events here met at a dinner under the auspices of the Forum.

Speeches, mostly reminiscences, were given by graduates with Jim Corson acting as toastmaster. There were about thirty guests present, while those not able to attend sent letters and telegrams that were read at the dinner.





Athletics

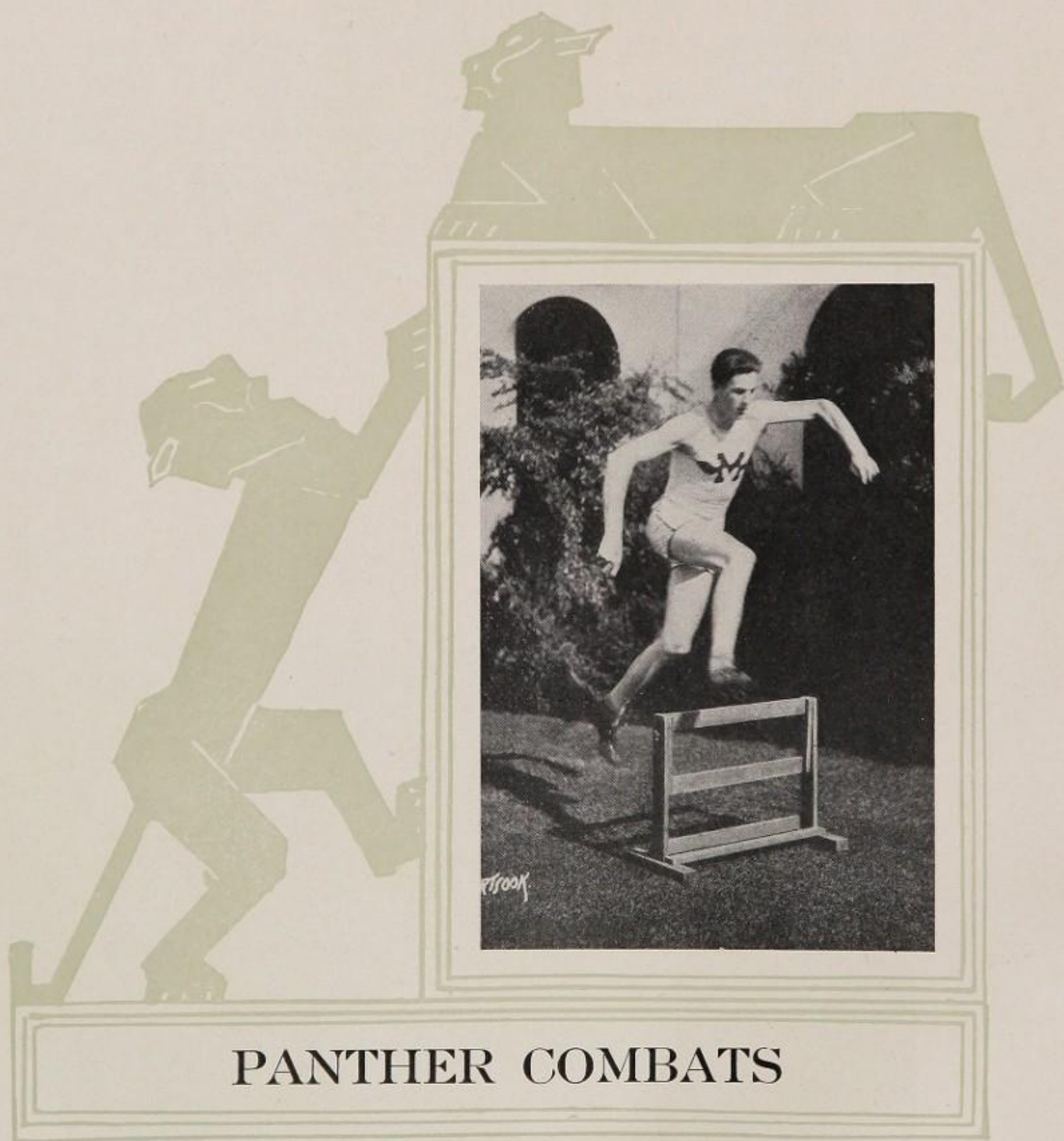
*In athletics our students excel;
Both our boys and girls do equally well.
For with vigor and vim
They dash out to the gym,
And into the game rush pell-mell.*

*Our sprinters are fast as they make 'em;
When they're once on your trail you can't shake 'em;
The football boys fight
To win the game right;
Their opponents can bend but not break 'em.*

*Of Sampsons we've surely a lot,
For they throw both the discus and shot
With a strength that's unmet.
If on our side you bet,
Do not fear to put down all you've got.*

*We've basketball, tennis, and track,
There's nothing in which we lack.
We'll fight till the end
Though danger impend,
And win for the old Red and Black!*

—M. H.



PANTHER COMBATS

Review of the Year

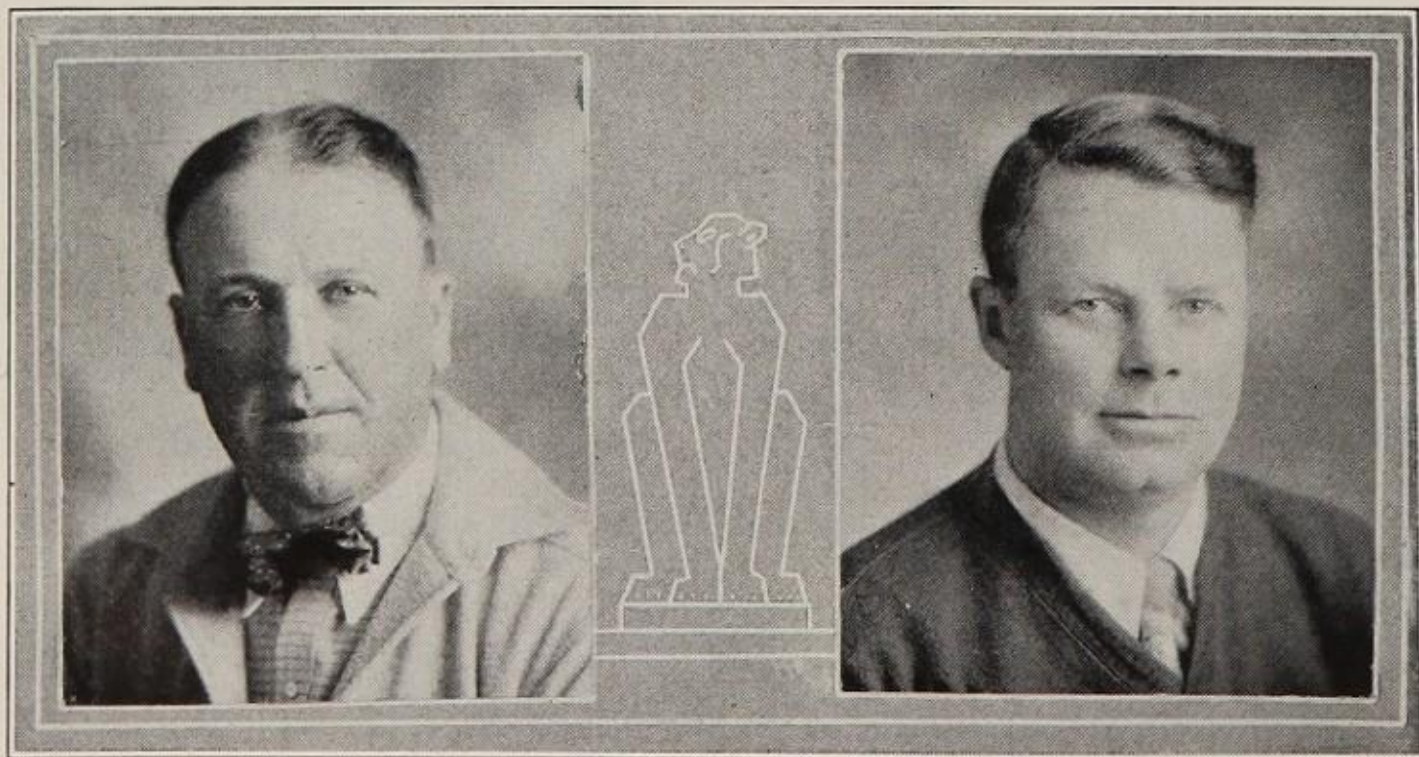
The past athletic season has been one of which Modesto can be proud. In some sports we advanced farther than in others, though some of them added materially to the reputation of the school.

Our class B basketball team reached the Valley championship finals. We had a good football team, but luck was against us. We had an excellent track team, but the lack of men prevented Modesto High from winning the sectional championship. In tennis Modesto did very well, producing county champions. Our baseball team made a good showing.

Mr. Lloyd Marquam, head coach, coached class A basketball, football, and track.

Assistant Coach P. A. Powell guided the class B basketball men to their championship, developing several stars for future Panther teams. He also instructed the baseball nine to a successful season.

Considering this, we can say that Modesto has had a successful athletic year.



M. MARQUAM

DUKE POWELL

L. Marquam

Football

Never mind what this write-up says. Just turn the page and gaze upon the curly locks of our galloping iron men. By the way, don't you like the new fashions in mounting?

There were a few achievements of note in this season of defeats. Let us remember these, and not the breaks of the year.

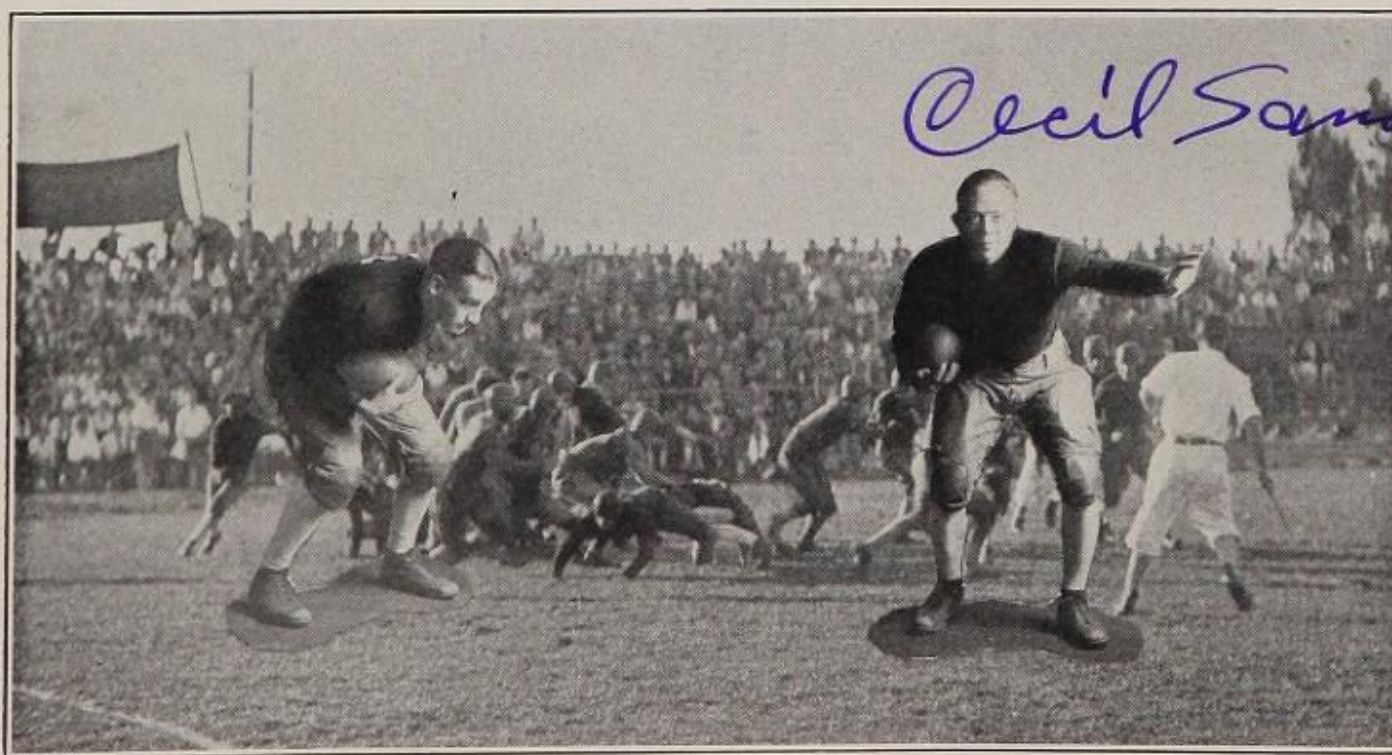
The fleet Panthers defeated Los Banos in one of the early games, but this completed the victories of the practice season. Something seemed to be lacking for the success of the team; perhaps it was inexperience; perhaps, lack of team-work; perhaps it was lack of school-spirit. Who knows?

In the first conference game with Woodland our Panthers didn't go over so big. Here the big weakness of the team first appeared as the one great reason for failure to boot the pigskin over the goal line. They simply lacked the ability to get going during the first half. In the last few moments of play some excellent resistance appeared, but it was always too late to save the ship.

The Sacramento game was but another chapter of the same old story.

Then, however, came the outstanding game of the year—the huge event with Lodi. True, we managed only to tie the score, but even a tie with the invincible Lodi is compensation for many a moon of failure. Hawkins seemed the individual star of this bout, pulling down man after man, and making real strides forward.

Then came the luckless Stockton game; then the still worse Turlock event. But enough of lamentation! "Let the dead past bury its dead."



E. HIGGINS

C. SANDERS



C. FRAZIER
E. HALL
T. HANSON

A. AMSBAUGH
W. WILLIAMS
H. MUGAR

W. GOULD
H. HARDMAN
H. BRIDGEFORD



C. BLAKNEY
E. HARVEY
R. INGOLS

A. VELTHOEN
R. OSTERMAN
J. HOLDER

A. HAWKINS
R. PODESTO
R. FRAZIER

Basketball

One championship, one second, two thirds, and a fourth place! This is the record of Modesto High's basketers. Polish (sparkling like silver polish) shone forth from the famous M. H. S. quintet throughout the season. Duke Powell was the big elbow grease, however, that applied the polish.

Coots Cuneo, Mike Aiken, and Oley Olson were the biggest of the big cheeses throughout the season. Effectual guarding did much to assist these stars, but the ability and skill of these three "men" were unusual. To them we do obeisance for the bacon they brought home to us in basketball trunks.

UNLIMITED

The luck of this team is one that deserves comment. The three games they lost, and which consequently gave them third place, were by such close scores that the final status of the team may well be questioned. Turlock proved the main reason for the low place of the Panthers. Marquam's proteges, however, need not be severely criticized for their record though it was at first nothing less than luck that kept them from that place. The members of the team were:

OLEY OLSON, Captain

JOHNNIE BELL
BOB STONE
CEC SANDERS

FRANK PHILIPS
COOTS CUNEO
AMY AMSBAUGH

MIKE AIKEN
SECONDS

The understudies, although they finished at the bottom of the ladder, will well fill the vacancies on the unlimited next year. Among the following members of the team are some stellar players:

E. McCUME
EMERSON HARVEY
MORTON SHIFFERT

JIM HANSEL
ALEX MCCABE

TRAVIS TOWNSEND
RALPH INGOLS
SHEIK SIMMONDS



UNLIMITED BASKETBALL

B TEAM

The B's not only won the league championship, but progressed to the state semi-finals by victories over Madera and Fresno. "Oley" Olson and Agen were co-captains, and their work stands out as nothing less than scintillating. The members of the team were: Aiken, Oley Olson, R. Ingols, T. Townsend, J. Hansel, "Sheik" Simmonds, and M. Shiffert.

C TEAM

This team came very nearly taking first in the league also. Had it not been for a little hard luck in the Oakdale game they would have made first instead of second. "Half Pint" Duckart played a very fine game throughout the season. Collett and Rosin also played good basketball throughout the season. The members of this team were: "Half Pint" Duckart (captain), M. Collett, Rosin, Bowman, Mertens, Gore, Hawkins, and Barnell.

B TEAM

The midgets were trained under a new system this year, Cuneo training them because Powell's time was so fully occupied. They finished third in the league. Brown proved an able leader for this quintet. The following were members of this team: Boyles, Brown, Meeker, Becker, and Allen.



C TEAM

D TEAM

B TEAM

Class A Track

In reviewing a track season we must remember that the individual records, viewed collectively, win the meet. In this fast sport it is not team-work that wins, but the work of the team.

Luck seemed to "be agin us" this year, but there are alibis for our defeats. Lack of experience was the chief drawback. The team next will undoubtedly profit greatly by the experience their members gained this year. Our good friend, Bill Dial, proved an efficient manager for teams this season.

The first meet with Turlock was lost mainly by Modesto's shortage of competing men. The meet with Oakdale showed this even more clearly. The first triangle meet with Lodi and Oakdale here proved that Modesto was in a poor condition. The Stockton meet was the closest of the season. Had not some of Modesto's favorites been absent the score would have swung in our favor. Also the meet at San Jose was almost a Modesto victory. Little Marc Johnson, competing in class A, won two firsts and Corson also showed up well in the meet. The heart-breaking score was 68-67. Then several Modesto men placed in the C. E. F. meet. They were: Hawkins, Pederson, Olsen, and Sorenson.

The following composed the class A squad:

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|---|---|
| 100 yd. dash—Hawkins and Griffin. | 880 relay—Hawkins, Sanders, Blakney, and Flood. |
| 220—Hawkins, Andrews, and Sanders. | Pole vault—Olsen. |
| 440—Taylor. | High jump—Boone, Corson, and Pedersen. |
| 880—Cicarelli, Gallo. | Shotput—Hawkins, Gould. |
| Mile—Hogue and Gallo. | Broad jump—Andrews and Flood. |
| 120 hurdles—Harvey and Griffin. | Javelin—Schuler and Pedersen. |
| 220 hurdles—Harvey, Frame, and Hawkins. | Discus—Harvey and Blakney. |



CLASS A TRACK

Class B Track

The better part of Modesto's achievements in track this year are in class B. The records of Marc Johnson stand out especially. To him goes the honor of making the most points for the school in track this year, having a total of 98 points to his credit. He also broke the school records for the 100 yard dash, the 220, and the broad jump.

William Pirrone also broke the school records for the low hurdles. Ralph Ingols lowered the school record for the half-mile also.

There was a lack of material in this class, but the record of the team is on the whole better than that of the unlimited team.

The class B team was entered only in five meets this year. The score of their first meet with Turlock was 87 to 35 in favor of Turlock. In the second meet with Oakdale the lightweights showed a decided improvement. In the triangular meet with Lodi and Oakdale the little men made ten more points than the heavyweights.

The B team placed second in the section meet at Lodi, Turlock being first with 53 points and 36 points for Modesto.

This team was as follows:

100 yard dash—Johnson, Frame, and Pirrone.
120 hurdles—Pirrone and Plummer.
880 run—Ingols and Collett.
440 run—Frame, Stutsman, and Goodwin.
220 dash—Johnson and Goodwin.
220 hurdles—Pirrone and Plummer.
Mile—Ingols and Woodbridge.

880 relay—Johnson, Frame, Goodwin, Pirrone, and Ingols.
Pole vault—Schott.
High jump—Coffee and Ransom.
Shot put—Frame.
Broad jump—Johnson.
Hop, step, and jump—Coffee.
Discus—Stutsman and Zeff.



CLASS B TRACK

Baseball

Swat! and it's a three bagger! This nifty shot by young Jim Hansel was the most spectacular wallop of the season. It occurred in the baseball game with Turlock.

It seems to be the consensus of opinion that the baseball season was not a conspicuous success; yet it certainly was not a failure. The team won four of their ten games during the year. Louie Podesto was captain of the team and Duke Powell coach.

The team had practice games with Modesto Junior College and St. Mary's Freshman team. They won two of their three games with the college but lost both of the games with St. Mary's Freshmen.

The first game of the season was with the Swedes from Turlock which our team lost 6-1. The second league game of the year at Manteca we also lost. The score was 9-3. Perhaps the main reason for our defeat was the fine pitching staff of the Manteca team.

The cause of our defeat by Ceres undoubtedly was the number of errors that our team made. There were also several of the regular players missing at this game. The score was 5-2. The team took a change for the better as the season closed and won their last two games with Denair and Hilmar. At the Denair game the team went on a hitting melee and piled up a score of 12-6. The last league game was perhaps the best of the year. At the end of the fourth inning the score was tied. The team came through with a 5-2 victory.

Probably the outstanding player of the team was Johnny Bell.

The lineup was as follows:

Catchers	OSTERMEN and AIKEN
Pitchers	MUIRHEAD and HONEYCUTT
First base	BLAKNEY
Second base	MASSERA
Third base	PODESTO
Short stop	BELL
Left field	BELLO and FRASER
Center field	SPENKER
Right field	HARVEY and HANSEL



BASEBALL TEAM

Tennis

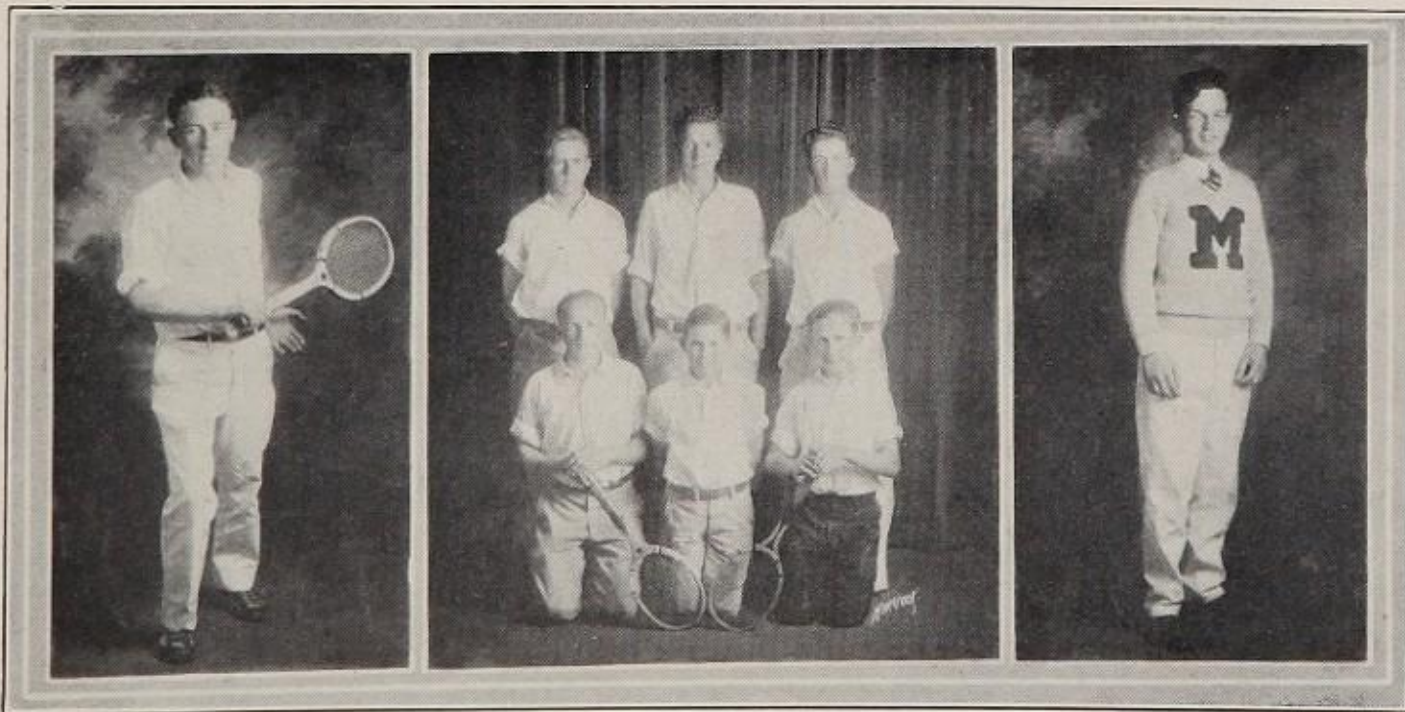
At the first of the year it looked as though tennis would have to be dropped as a major sport; however, largely through the efforts of Captain Ingols and Marvin Morris, it was allowed to maintain its former rating.

The records of the team have justified this course, since the team had not lost a single tournament when the Sycamore went to press. However, the team enters the C. I. F. meet seriously handicapped by the loss of Marvin Morris, who is ineligible by way of his being the first ranking player in the school. For two years Marvin has consistently won for our school, but C. I. F. eligibility rules prevent him from repeating the performance this year.

The following stellar players will compete in this all-important meet: Ralph Ingols, captain, and Sam Smith, first ranking player.

The team's record thus far has been a creditable one indeed, and Modesto is maintaining a high place in Central California high school tennis circles. The first match of the season, held at Lodi, proved a Modesto victory, Morris and Ingols winning their singles matches and Smith and Ingols likewise copping the doubles title.

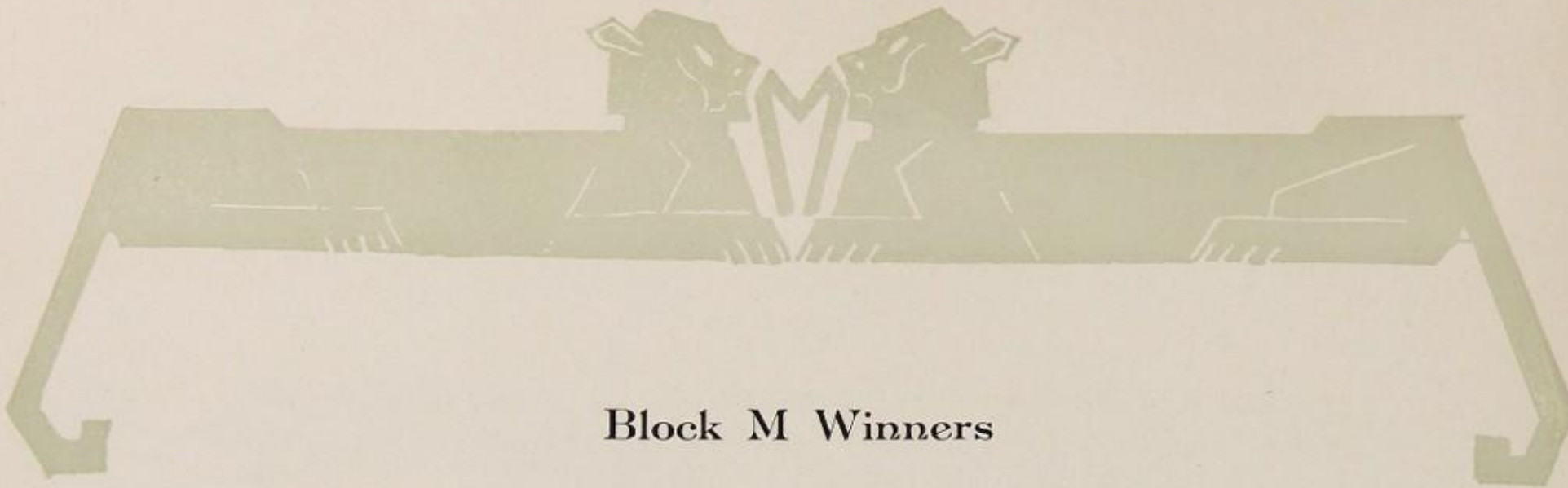
The meet with Turlock was a tie. Modesto managed to win two singles and a doubles, but the Swedes were just as fortunate that day.



R. INGOLS

TENNIS TEAM

M. MORRIS



Block M Winners

GIRLS

CHRISTINE HOUSER
HELEN MURPHY
RITA ATKINSON
ISABELL WARREN
MARY SWALLOW
EDITH FREEMAN
MARGARET BARNELL
RUBY RAMONT

MARJORY MALONE
PEGGY PRESTO
MILDRED STOUT
RUTH SNOWDEN
BOBBIE STEARNS
MURIEL SWEGLES
MARJORY GLASS
GAIL CARTER

FOOTBALL

WILBUR WILLIAMS
ERVIN HIGGINS
THORVALD HANSON
ROBERT OSTERMAN
CHARLES BLAKNEY
LOUIS PODESTO
HUGH BRIDGEFORD
ALBERT HAWKINS
CHARLES BLAKNEY

STANLEY SOREM
HRATCH MUGAR
CARL FRASER
EMERSON HARVEY
JOE HOLDER
ELVIN HALL
ROBERT FRASER
ANTHONY AMSBAUGH
AREND VELTHOEN

BASEBALL

MAURICE AIKEN
WALTER MASSERA
LOUIS PODESTO
CARL BELLO
JOHN BELL

JIM HANSEL
CHARLES BLAKNEY
ROBERT OSTERMAN
CHARLES SPENKER

TRACK

JULIO GALLO
GEORGE CORSON
ALBERT HAWKINS

MILFORD OLSON
MELVIN PEDERSON

Review of the Year

"Extra! Extra!" is the call of the newsboys when something out of the ordinary happens that the public should know about.

This year an extra call was not necessary in the girls' physical education department as every girl was keenly interested in one or more activities. There was so much competition for each field sport and track event that the instructors and the class managers had great difficulty in choosing the contestants. Since every girl on a team did her best, teams were strong, which fact of course encouraged keener competition.

Viola Donkin, the most outstanding Senior, is the first girl in Modesto High to receive a sweater in addition to her Block M; this means at least 1800 points for her. Other outstanding girls in the classes are: Florence Kauffman, Mildred Stout, Ruby Wilhite, Bessie Matthews, Gail Carter, Margaret Barnell, Ellice Schuler, and Thelma Sanders.

Thirty-two girls received first awards; thirty-five girls, second awards; and fourteen received Block M's.

The County Play Day was held at Modesto's field this year. Turlock, Oakdale, Ceres, Hughson, Denair and Newman were represented. The minor events were held in the morning; the major sports, in the afternoon. At noon everyone assembled in groups in the auditorium for lunch. After everyone had eaten, each group presented a stunt which took the sleep out of everyone and "pepped" them up for the coming events of the afternoon which were highly successful.



E. WING

F. McCANSE



JUNIOR BASKETBALL TEAM

Fall Field Meet

"Kick—Bang—Ouch—Oh—My shins!" Soccer made its entrance last fall amid just such harmony. Our girls may be good athletes, but as kickers they're better yet. Not a little of the interest centered about the girls' fall field meet was created in the initiation of soccer as a major sport. Both the Soph and Fresh classes were keen about this game as it was new and thrilling to them—and incidentally rough enough to suit them.

The old stock of baseball, volleyball, tennis, and minor events were the other attractions.

Inasmuch as the Seniors were afraid the swift legs and hefty muscles of the lower classmen were too much for their rheumatic joints, field events were omitted from the program of this exhibit of physical strength. Thus avoiding events in which they were doubtful, the Seniors came out on top with an extraordinary record of victories.



SOPHOMORE BASEBALL TEAM



SENIOR BASKETBALL Spring Field Meet

Spring has come! Maybe a "young man's thought turns to love," but many of the girls' thoughts have turned to sports. The chief attraction of the season has been the spring field meet. The track events were as follows:

Event	Won by	Time or Dist.	Won by	Time or Dist.
70 yard Hurdles	Junior	11 2-5 sec.	Sophomore	10 sec.
60 yard Hurdles	Junior	8 1-5 sec.	Sophomore	8 7-10 sec.
60 yard Dash	Senior	6 4-5 sec.	Sophomore	8 sec.
50 yard Dash	Junior	32 feet	Sophomore	6 7-10 sec.
Shot	Senior	76 ft. 9 in.	Sophomore	32 ft. 1 in.
Discus	Senior	161 ft.	Sophomore	68 ft.
Baseball Strike	Senior	64 ft. 8 in.	Sophomore	14-18
Baseball Distance	Junior	24 goals	Sophomore	64 ft. 11 in.
Basketball Distance	Senior	6-10	Freshman	21 goals
Basketball 1 minute	Senior	15-18	Freshman	5-10
Basketball 10 trials	Junior	53 inches	Sophomore	17-18
Tennis Serve	Junior	8 feet	Freshman	49 in.
High Jump	Senior	13 ft. 11 in.	Sophomore	8 ft.
Standing Broad Jump	Senior	24 ft. 4 in.	Sophomore	13 ft. 8 in.
Running Broad Jump	Junior	28 ft.	Freshman	21 ft. 3½ in.
Std. Hcp. Step. Jump	Junior	60 sec.	Freshman	28 ft. 9 in.
Running H., S. J.			Sophomore	60 4-10 sec.
Relay				



FRESHMAN BASKETBALL

County Play Day

Bang! They're off! So it goes. Speed and accuracy count, and that is what the girls that participated in the Play Day were chosen for.

The girls who did the best in the Spring Field Meet were the ones chosen to represent Modesto High in this county meet. Baseball and volleyball were the major sports. Field events were the usual sprints, hurdles, jumps, and weight-tossing. A county tennis meet was held at Oakdale, May 16, to complete the play-offs.

The schools competing at Modesto were: Turlock, Oakdale, Ceres, Hughson, Denair, and Newman, the meet occurring on Saturday, May 5.

The girls showed excellent inter-school sportsmanship and much competition, which of course made the day a great success.



TENNIS TEAM

Improvements For Modesto's Gymnasium

Something new is always interesting and when Modesto High gets her new improvements in buildings the interest of every one in our school will be multiplied many times. Plans for many such improvements have been announced from Mr. Bradley's office this year.

Our many needs were combined in order that one building would take care of most of them. The plan is to build a boy's gymnasium large enough to accommodate the entire student body if movable chairs are put into use. A stage will be constructed in the gym adequate for minor performances and a downtown theater will be rented for Senior plays, operettas, and all larger entertainments.

The new gymnasium will have a basketball floor with bleachers built down both sides. This will do away with the expense of renting the I Street auditorium each year. Shower rooms will be built under the bleachers.


The second part of the plan concerns the remodeling of the present auditorium into a study hall and library. Many plans were suggested for this particular item, but it is not certain which has been accepted.

The final part includes remodeling the present study hall into a girls' gymnasium. Already an addition has been built on the old gym for a sun room. The girls used it all of the last semester and were very well satisfied with their room.

Such improvements were made possible by the fact that the School Board reduced their expenditures and instituted a building fund without raising the taxes.



SENIOR HOCKEY



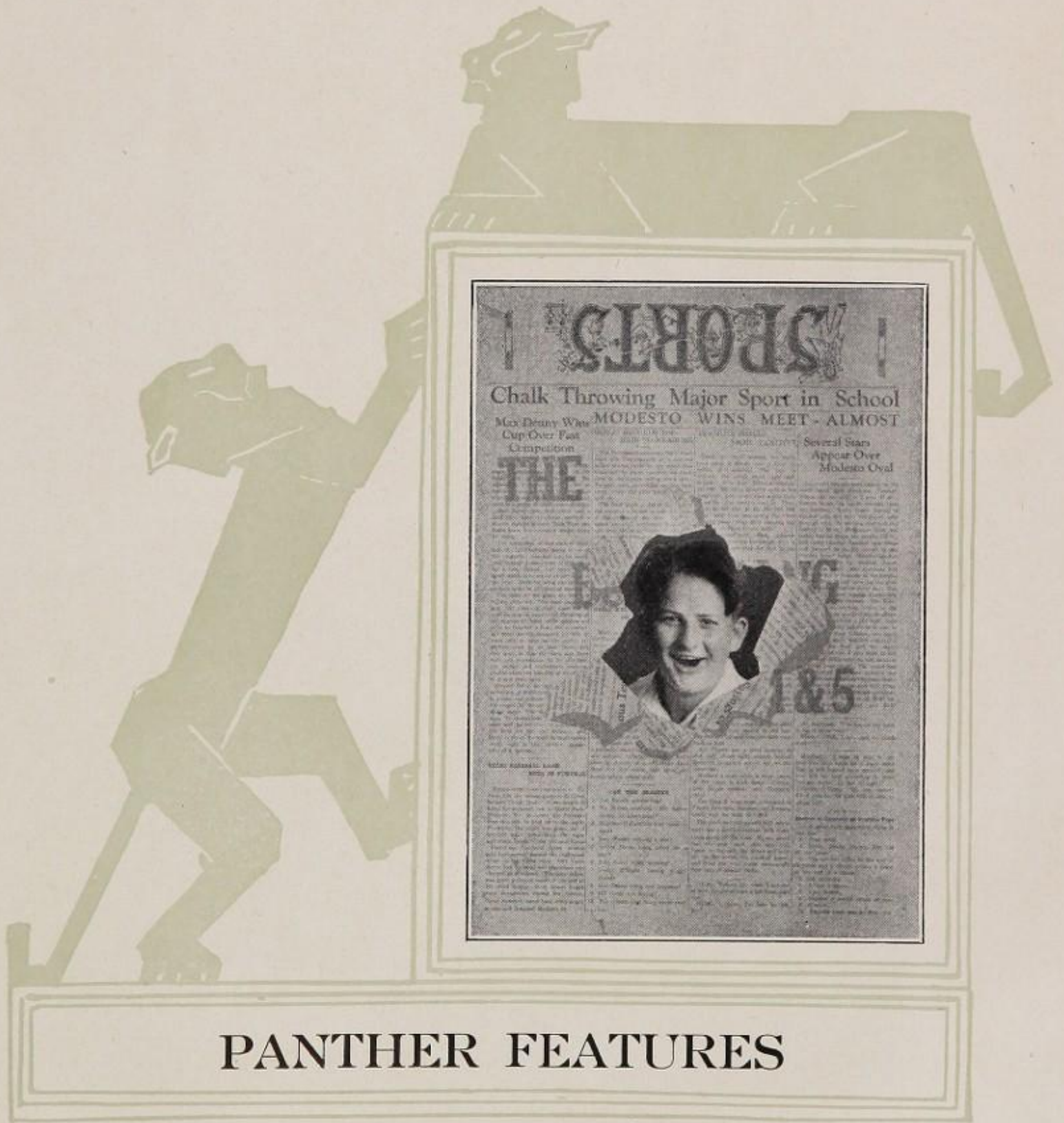
Panther Snickers

*Will you feature a place, if you please,
Where folks' looks are so cold that they freeze;
Where a joke-book is rare—
Where there's worry and care—
And there's no one to "kid" or to tease?*

*There, this book would be welcome indeed,
For it's laughter that people most need.
In our Snickers you'll find 'em
With humor behind 'em,
The jokes which have not gone to seed.*

*These jokes and cartoons manifold
Are serving a purpose two-fold.
They entertain while you look
Besides filling the book,
Which is far more important, we hold.*

—M. H.



SPORTS

Chalk Throwing Major Sport in School

Max Penny Wins
Cup Over Fast
Competition

MODESTO WINS MEET - ALMOST

Several Stars
Appear Over
Modesto Oval

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Several Stars Appear Over Modesto Oval

Several stars appeared over the Modesto Oval during the recent track meet. Max Penny, the winner of the 100-yard dash, was the star of the meet. He won the race in a time of 14 seconds, beating his nearest competitor by a wide margin. Penny's victory was a surprise to many, as he had never before won a race of this distance. His coach, Mr. [Name], said that Penny's win was a result of his hard work and determination. Penny's win was also a great boost for the Modesto team, which was looking for a victory in the meet. The meet was held on a beautiful day, and the crowd was large. The results of the meet were as follows:

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A LITTLE OF EVERYTHING

EVERYTHING IN FROSH.

LOVE IS BLIND.



THAT WINNING
SMILE.

THE THIRSTING PLACE

OUR BACHELOR



GUTTERSNIDE.

WORKING TOGS.

DAT^{er}

STEVE HE CHOSE TO RVN

"CHICK" and CHICKEN.



OCTOPUS?

DON'T SHOOT

FARM HAND.



SHALL

WE

"NAME IT?"

A CHIP
OFF THE
OLD
BLOCK

BABY
FACE



COLLEGE FROSH.

A
DOG'S LIFE

THE LESSER

HALF

INSEPARABLE.

WHO'S WHO AND WHAT'S WHAT



ONLY
DITCHING



FREE
TONGUE



COUGH
UP!



NOW I LAY ME



HOR-TENSE



FULL OF
-FOOD-



PERMANENT
FIXTURES
UNTIL??



OUR HERO
!!!



—!!—☆



JUST ?



JUST OUT



OUR
WAR--
RIOR

PULL
'EM
UP



CAM-
-PUS
SPORT



FOLLOW
THE "SWALLOW"

CAMPUS LIFE.



WELL, I LIKE THAT.



OUR ORCHESTRA.



FORWARD MARCH.



HELP NEEDED.



OUR BOYS.



MERCURY.



PROOF.



NURMI, JR.



STUCK UP.



WHY THE CORNER?

SNAP!



THE GREATER HALF.



JUST ANOTHER BROWNIE.



LIGHTNIN'.



GIDDAP.



THINKING.



THE SHACK.

FAMILIAR FIGURES



HESPERUS



THE INVALID IS FED



FAMOUS FEET



HOT DAWG

CAFE COOKS



IN THE BUSHES



WICKED LADY



ARE THESE DAROLD'S



AFTER NOON SESS



MR. & MRS.



BUSHES



ACROBAT



FIFTH AVE



SURELY!!!
SURELY!!!

GOING UP

READER'S



GUIDE



PRINTERS



THE SKYS
THE LIMIT

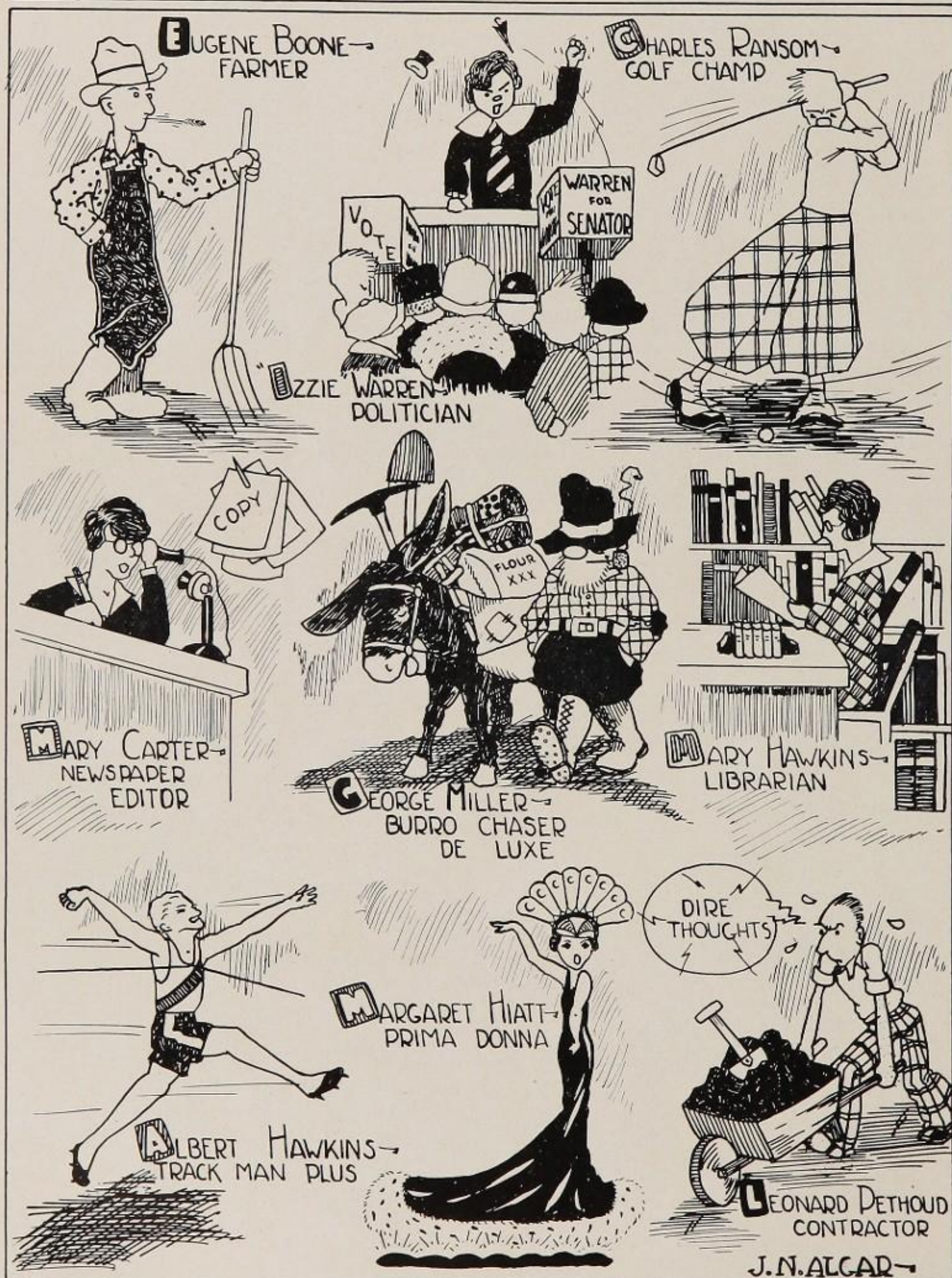
UNNATURAL MUSEUM



IT'S LEAD YEAR-BEWARE OF THESE:



SOME SENIORS SEVERAL SEASONS HENCE



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No. 1

FRESHMAN FACTORY GIVES RECIPE

—s—
How To

Produce—Prepare—Make

A High School Graduate

Take green Freshman. Wash and initiate thoroughly to remove all traces of "importance." Assign fourteen teachers to keep track of him. Place in mixture of 9B algebra, English, history, and general science. Warm gently—be careful of "explosive combination." If mixture tends to boil over, add "cold water." At end of semester remove from fire and "examine" thoroughly. If still alive, repeat from first process, adding stronger concoction—9A algebra, English, and 9B Latin should "squelch" thoroughly. Leave for 5 months. Remove from fire and turn loose for two months. The first step in the making of a high school graduate has been completed.

Round up specimen in September. Allow three weeks for changing program. Break "crust" into fine bits and place in mold of drawing, band, and a couple of study halls. Leave in mold for year—except for a week of "hot water" at end of semester. Second step has been completed; result is Sophomore. Set aside to cool for two months.

Announce registration party in September. Subject will return whether invited or not. Next step is to cast a Junior. Submerge "Soph" in solution of mechanical drawing, Spanish, orchestra, and typing. Stir thoroughly. Add salt and pepper to taste. Add also a pinch of athletics and dramatics. Flunk Junior in three subjects; condition him in other; and at end of year decorate with look of "Knowledge."

Now ready for final step in production of high school graduate. Coat with light frosting of chemistry, office training, democracy, debating, Awgwan, or what have you? Place in Ford and allow to percolate and perambulate for year. March Senior up on stage to accompaniment of "Recession-al." Decorate with Plato medal, and any other colorful odds and ends. At last you have produced a model 'high school graduate'!

THE EDITOR EDITS

Laugh, and the world laughs with you; cry, and you're all wet! Before you, reader (gentle or otherwise), stands the paramount collection of the crazy kracks and funny fotos of the past high school year—The Panther's Snickers! As Caesar said (or was it Mussolini?), "You can make all the people laugh some of the time, and you can make some of the people laugh all the time; but you can't make all the people laugh all the time." The staff has worked hard to produce a few laughs and we hope you at least crack a smile!

—James Algar, Editor.

—s—

Max Denny: "I'm trying to grow a mustache, and I'm wondering what color it will be when it comes in."

Merle Love: "At the rate it's growing it will be gray."

—s—

Mr. Utter was horrified to look up in the gallery to see Marc Johnston pelting those in the seats below with walnuts. As the worthy principal opened his mouth in correction, Marc cried out: "You take care of your talking, I'll keep 'em awake."

—s—

EIQUETTE OF THE CLASSROOM

Rule I. Enter classroom through front. If teacher has not arrived, gaze at papers on teacher's desk. Sail books across room causing them to slide off desk and land on floor. Wander to window and gaze on campus. Wait till last bell rings and go to seat. Remove hat at request of teacher.

Rule II. Leave class via most direct exit. Slam seat, hastily gather up books and depart on the run. Dash down corridor at full speed till arrived at locker. Deposit books and proceed to next class. Stop for drink of water. Talk to friends. Fool around. Jump in door a split second after last bell rings.

Rule III. Sit upstairs in assembly. Hang feet on railing and stretch out at ease. Wigwag to friends and keep up general buzz of conversation until stopped by teacher.

BELIEVE IT—YES OR NO!

1—A Freshman studied two periods in succession.

2—\$6032.59½ was spent on all day suckers at Reynolds.

3—It took 987 wheelbarrow loads of dirt to build the causeway to Physical Ed.

4—1700 made their exits through the library door.

5—A guy actually cracked a smile over a Panther's Snickers joke—Don't laugh! That's a fact!



The Thrill of Your First Sycamore

At last the day arrived and you would get your Sycamore! Everybody lined up at one of the three doors of the study hall. Boy! But you were anxious. "Here they come carrying the books over—Oh Boy! It won't be long now." And then the line started moving. Wow! You got your receipt out and were eager for a glimpse of your first Sycamore! "There go some kids with theirs. Wonder what they're laughing about—Gee, I wish they'd hurry up. Wonder how many signatures I can get. Hello, George! Sure I'll sign yours—say see me again. I want you to sign mine. Gee, you've got a big start already. Let's go! I'm all hot for a Sycamore. Here I am at the door. Boy! Look at that stack of books. Here's when I get mine!" And then you got your hands on your first Sycamore. You hardly had time to look at it. You traded with everyone you saw. You signed theirs and they signed yours—ad infinitum.

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No. 2

How to Get 100 in Anything (For Women Teachers)

1. When you meet her first period, say, "Good morning, Lucetta, Florence, Adeline, Flo Belle," (or whatever her first name may be), and hand her a gorgeous bouquet of morning glories or baby breath.

2. Compliment her on her wonderful "school girl complexion." Say she looks something like your sister, your sixteen year old sister (it doesn't matter if you haven't one).

3. Let her chew your gum occasionally and offer a box of candy whenever the pocket permits extravagance.

4. Try to date her out. She probably won't go, but she'll be complimented on your kind intentions.

5. Take her home from school even if you do have to wait till 7:30 for her so-called class in curriculum to be dismissed.

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How to Get 100 in Anything (For Men Teachers)

1. When you meet him in the morning, slap him on the back, hand him a cigar, and say, "Howdy, Matt, Ennis, Chester," or whatever his first name may be.

2. Compliment him on his late haircut, clean shave, and say he doesn't look a day over twenty.

3. Ask him if you can borrow his tux for your next heavy date. He won't mind, not if you fail to bring it back—that is, if you buy him another one).

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Dumb One: "Say, I want to be an artist. How can I learn to draw pretty girls?"

Dumb Two: "Oh, you hafta put your mind on your subject!"

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The reason the porter scene in Macbeth is written in prose is because the porter was drunk and couldn't talk poetry.

—s—

Galen had just completed an assembly speech on the subject of "the Sycamore."

"Well," said Galen to Les, after the assembly. "How was it?"

"Sound—very sound."

"Yes," said Galen, and he beamed upon his companion, and added: "Nothing else," was the answer, "just sound."

Trombone

A trombone is a piece of pipe diverging on both ends. You blow air and noise in one end and Yankee Doodle comes out the other end. The slide is a piece of pipe over the other pipe. It is used to make the pipes long and short and this changes the song coming out the big end. When the conductor waves the stick vigorously, the slide is moved back and forth with a rapidity that produces what is known as hash. The trombone is indeed an instrument of the immortals; that's why we should leave it alone.

—s—

Mr. Utter (in his car): "Want a ride, girls?"

Betty Baird: "No thanks, we're in a hurry."



Abie Z.: "Say, Pa, you remember that \$2.00 you promised me if I passed in school?"

Mr. Zeff: "Yes, Abie."

Abie: "Well, Pa, you ain't gonna have that expense."

—s—

Louis Hammer: "Say, Proef, how long could I live without brains?"

Proof: "That remains to be seen."

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The aim of the modern writer is the bottom of the page.

—s—

THE SKY IS THE LIMIT

There once was a chemistry student who thought he'd be rude,

He stood up so neat,

Applied lots of heat,

And up through the roof he was blewed!

H. S. GIRL ATTEMPTS SUICIDE M. H. S. Studyhall Scene of Drama

A very dramatic suicide was attempted by Miss Patience Young, Modesto High student. The scene of the tragedy was Miss Brown's second period study hall, the medium used being the steps leading to the teacher's desk. Reports from witnesses are that Miss Young walked to the desk apparently unperturbed and after placing a note before Miss Brown she turned towards the steps. On the edge of the roughly-constructed descent she faced her fellow-students and uttered a single piercing sound. The awe-stricken audience were powerless to help her as she hurled herself with great force backwards to the floor, where she lay in a motionless mass.

An ambulance rushed her to the hospital where efforts were made to mend her bones to some form of recognition. Attempts to find the cause of the accident were futile except that in her delirium Miss Young raved about a certain boy-friend whose name will be withheld at request. Although Miss Young claims the happening accidental, it is thought by the majority that a one-sided love affair was the incentive to self-destruction.

—s—

Our Classified Ads Bring Results (any kind)

All Kinds of Excavating and Ditching done. All experienced help at latest market prices. Apply L. Pethoud & Co. General Ditchers.

For Sale, Trade or Exchange

One slightly used grade in Chemistry. In original condition—will sell for original price, or trade for grade in a language, Auto Mechanics, Home Economics, or what have you.

—Dehaven Gratz.

Job Wanted

Ambitious boy wants good job. Is very willing to work at any and all hours. Anything from bed-testing to unwrapping post-holes will be considered.

—See H. McCandless

Lessons Given

For a limited time only, classes in Spelling will be held. At any hour. A competent teacher has been secured in, —Mary Carter.

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No. 3

SENIOR SWATS ARMED INTRUDER

GIRL COMMITS MURDER

On a dark and dreary evening in the Donkin home our famous actress was seated studying geometry diligently. She glanced up, yawned, and went into her bedroom. Presently she stepped out with a grim, determined look on her face. What could be the matter? She crept to the buffet drawer and drew forth a deadly looking weapon. She calmly walked to the bedroom and shut the door. Bang! Crash!! Bang! The sound of a body dropping to the floor was heard. More sounds. Soon she stepped out with a satisfactory and content expression on her face and resumed her studies. Please, oh, please don't judge poor Viola harshly. She was only doing her duty, swatting a few innocent flies that had flown in when her baby brother left the door open.

FAILINGS OF A FRESHMAN

"Well, here we are at last—the old high school itself. Wonder where they got that big flag pole? Gee! they sure have a big lawn around this place—maybe I can earn some dough mowing it on Saturday.

Where do we go from here? What's that bell for? Everybody's moving. Guess we go to class—what in heck is my program anyway? Let's see—English, right off the bat! Whew! Well, I'll try anything once.

Hello! Is that the teacher up front? She's rather good looking. Wow! I think I'm going to enjoy this class. Boy! It's a great life if you don't weaken! (Poor boy weakens and has to repeat process from paragraph two next semester!)

PUBLIC THINKS

Dear Editor:

Just between you and me and the inkbottle, what in the name of tunket is the big idea of calling this laff layout, the Panther's Snickers?

Did you ever hear a Panther Snicker? Aw, go on! Panthers g-r-r-rowl and g-r-r-rowl and g-r-r-rowl and—wait a shake! I'm off the track. Did you ever hear Panther Snicker? Well now, why didn't you own up in the first place?

Now, my suggestion is that change the name of this outfit to something more appropriate. It's a good laff all right, but it needs another name. It's darn good. In fact, it's the cat's meow.

There! There, editor, is a first class name for your foolish division. The Cat's Meow! how does that sound? Pretty good, if I do utter it myself!

Say, editor, you just leave this to me and I'll fix you up right. I'll have an election and arrange everything. What do you say? Let me know the results of this letter.

Goodby, editor, I'll be seeing you—

—A. Kittenwhisker.

—s—

The fellow with a black eye gets it as a black mark for misconduct.

—s—

Daffy Definitions

Assembly: Gathering of the common horde. Mass meeting of many mutts.

Books: Bulwarks used for fortification against attack in study hall.

Gymnasium: Dream of all ye faithful ones.

Panther's Snickers: The P. S. at the end of the book; the last prose of summer.

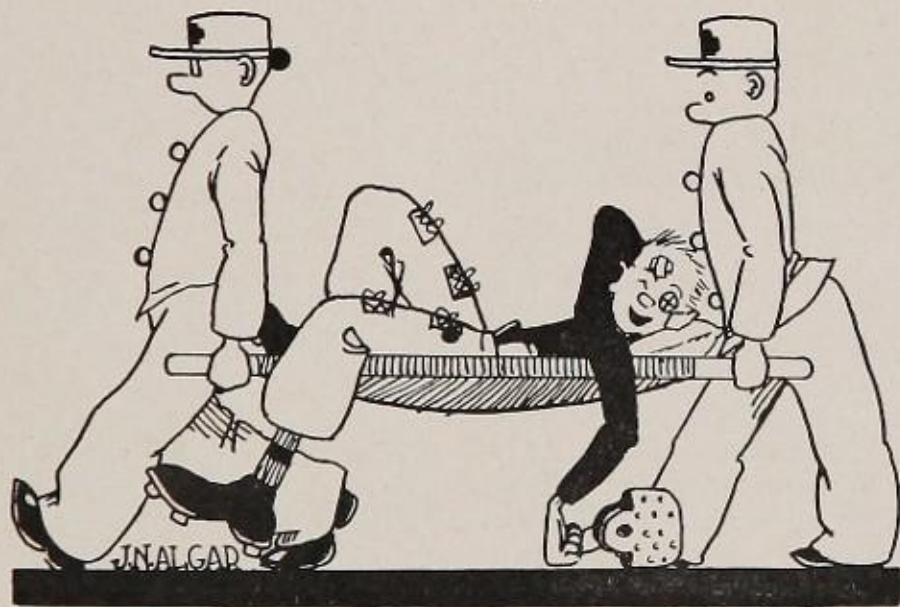
Weak Cards: Add color to school life—oh yes, and how!

Report Cards: Souvenirs of many restful hours spent in the pursuit of happiness.

Seniors: Tall, austere, solemn, thoughtful, unbending, pieces of scenery.

Freshman: Greenery very useful for setting off the bright lights.

String: To play along on the end of a line.



THE CONQUERING HERO

My eyes are black
My back is bent
My pants are torn
My shirt is rent

My ears are flat
My nose is smashed
My head is bruised
My n. arcel's hashed

My arm feels like
'Twas in a knot
I know my right
Leg's almost shot

But I drink deep
From joy's full bowl
We won—because
I kicked the goal.

Just to Suit Your Taste

Mr. Brown, exhibiting a cube about two inches in dimension, turned to Hortense Mottram and said: "Do you see that? You wouldn't believe it, but that's salt! Just taste it and find out for yourself."

Hortense obligingly licked it. "Does it taste like salt?" asked Mr. Brown.

"Why, yes," replied Hortense.

"I'd be willing to wager that at least five hundred others ahead of you have licked that thing!—"

—s—

Teacher: "Are you chewing gum?"

Freshman: "No, I am Clinton Spears."

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VALUABLE ADVICE IN REVISED ALMANAC

—s— "DO" AND "DON'T" ALMANAC

To rid your hands and face of warts, put in (color to match your apparel) on the wart every morning and evening.

If you get a bean shot into your ear accidentally, don't try to wash it out. The water might stay in and the bean will sprout.

When sliding on a banana peel be sure to slide the full length of the body thus avoiding both embarrassing contorted positions and skidding on your ear.

When walking with a group of friends and wishing to turn in front of them, put out the hand first. Like an automobile que, this may avoid serious collisions. Also a short, distinct whistle before racing around a corner in the corridors may put a stop to some of these head-on contacts.

A very effective and useful hand-bag has been designed recently which consists of two large square pieces of gunny-sack material sewed on three sides. Two large glass rings gather together the top. The sides are daintily painted and monogrammed. During the day, school books and other necessary properties can be hauled around; and, at night, boxes of candy skates, or anything.

When sitting at the show and the ears of the man sitting in front of you obstructs your view, take a stick of gum, chew it to a nice, gooey pulp, quickly place it behind the ear, and with a friendly tap, flip the ear against the gum. You'll find it very effective.

For the boy whose girl needs a bottle of smelling salts handy, here's a hint. If in doubt whether she really needs them as often as she does, place some ink or other non-smelling substance in the bottle. If it seems to have the usual reviving effects, you know that she's all wet.

If your best girl finds a strange hair on the shoulder of your coat, to avoid accidents tell her that you helped stop a run-a-way horse in front of the high school.

A hint to the boys. When taking some girl other than your steady out, be sure to place your handkerchief over the shoulder closest to

the girl. These days the powders are meant to stick, so take the hint—or take the consequences.

When you've been out the night before and you just know you won't live through the next day, wear a pair of rather darkly colored glasses. You can go to sleep behind them and no one, not even the teacher, will be the wiser—but you.



LECTURE IN CHEM.

Ladies and Gentlemen (more or less), also Royal Glick. (Five minutes of applause). I cannot help but feel thrilled when I gaze on your eager and intelligent faces (Twenty minutes of applesauce).

Today I want to bring before you one of the biggest questions of the age.

As Whats-his-name solved the questions of the Cracle, as George Washington solved the problems of the civil war, and as Izzy Brockman solves his geometry, let us bend our thoughts to this great problem.

The question before us is: "If a hen and half lays an egg and a half in a day and a half how short is a rope?" (General applause).

For tomorrow we will take up the relative stability of Nitrosohy-laminesulphonic acti and Potassium Nitritohydroxylaminedisulphonate. (All applaud until dismissed).

—s—
Bob Stone says there aren't such things as final examinations. He had to take them all over.

RAMBLING RABBITS

Bernard Sears: "I saw about a thousand rabbits over there in a field."

Bob Stone: "Aw, I don't believe it. Are you sure there were that many?"

Bernard Sears: "Well, there were at least five hundred."

Bob Stone: "Say! are you trying to kid me? Are you certain that you saw five hundred rabbits?"
Bernard Sears: "Well, nearly two hundred and fifty were there."

Bob Stone: "Listen here, do you mean to tell me that there were two hundred and fifty rabbits in that field?"

Bernard Sears: "Well, I saw a hundred of them."

Bob Stone: "One hundred rabbits? Say, show me!"

Bernard Sears: "Well, there were fifty anyway."

Bob Stone: "Aw horse collar! Fifty wild rabbits running loose? Go on!"

Bernard Sears: "Well, there were twenty-five rabbits there."

Bob Stone: "Why, man, you must be crazy!"

Bernard Sears: "Well, I at least saw some tracks!"

—s—

THE WORLD WILL END WHEN

1. Mrs. Macomber is late to her first period class.

2. Hazel Gooch stops chewing gum.

3. Miss Davis quits talking.

4. Miss Ross gets angry.

5. We don't get caught for ditching.

6. Mr. Utter buys an all day sucker.

7. The cafeteria doesn't serve hash.

8. The Panther's Snickers are funny.

—s—

Marge R.: "What bell is that?"

Wilbur Williams: "Why that one up there on the wall, of course."

—s—

The Floor Did It

"Did you break this vase, Norah?"

"No, teacher, I only dropped it."

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No. 5

EMBARASSING MOMENTS

When you trot over that last chalk mark for the winning touch-down and find you forgot to bring the ball.

When you remember that you left those letters from the boy friend in that book you returned to the teacher.

When on your way to the show you turn the corridor and meet Miss Davis.

When you are told your number on the Awgwan list belongs to some one else.

When the band decides to stop suddenly without telling you about it.

When you are taking your driver's license and you run into the chief of police.

When ten pages of Snickers' copy is due in the morning, and you haven't a single inspiration.

When Miss Whalley calls on you to vocalize and you haven't your music.

—s—

CAN YOU IMAGINE

1. Mr. Van Horne and Miss Burke singing a duet in assembly?

2. Yourself reading poorer jokes than these?

3. Mr. Broders with a mustache and goatee?

4. Wilbur William's mother giving him a spanking?

5. Spring vacation 8 months long?

—s—

Where the heart is the lungs are close by.

—s—

INTELLIGENCE TEST

Will someone please show where the Awgwan's gone?

Or why tardy slips are all blue?

Why lunch periods always are cut down to one?

And why yell leaders never yell too?

Who now will relate why the wheelbarrow line

Is nevermore seen hauling dirt.

Why boys will come up to their friends from behind

And yank out the tail of their shirt!

Can anyone tell why the teachers give tests

Why ditchers can never get by

Why busses just make twenty-five at their best—

You can't? Well, neither can I.

REVERSE

If you drive a car,

You have to go fast to have fun.

If you go fast to have fun,

You get arrested by a speed cop.

If you get arrested by a speed cop,

You have to pay a fine.

If you have to pay a fine,

You can have no fun.

If you can have no fun,

What's the use of driving a car?

—s—

WHY THEY WENT TO THE SENIOR PLAY

Kathryn Quayle: because she was the leading lady.

Mr. Mancini: because the orchestra played.

Miss Dozier: because she did not know what to do with her evening.

The Orchestra: because Mr. Mancini wanted to hear them.

The Freshman: because he didn't have any place else to go.

The Senior: because his girl friend wanted to go.

Marvin Morris: because he was the "head man of the show."

Isadore Brachman: because he saved half price with his student body ticket.

The rest of us: because that cute little blonde persisted in following us around and finally sold us a ticket. Wonder who she is, anyway?

—s—

Panther Snicker would like to know:

1. How long is a piece of string?

2. What makes a sewing machine run?

3. How big is a rock?

4. How many of the faculty have false teeth?

5. Why the ocean waves?

6. Where the cow hides?

7. Who Mr. Utter asks when he wants to know?

8. What can the bulletin boards?

9. What the air brakes?

10. If the pipe organ smokes?

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John Bell: "I got twenty dollars once for writing."

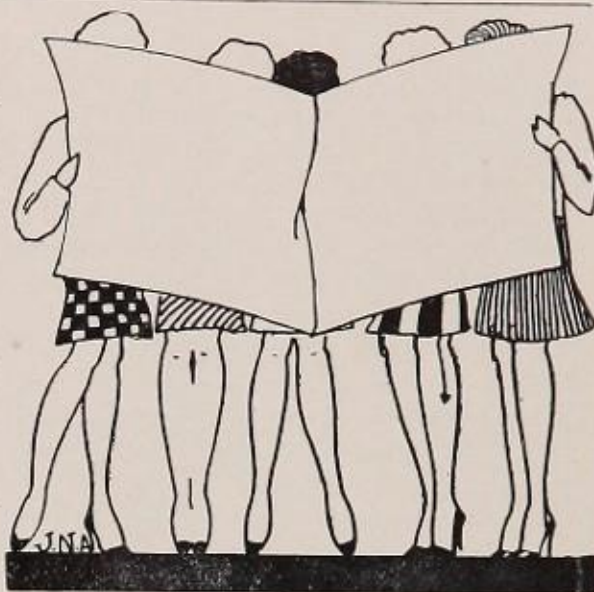
Miss Dozier: "What did you write?"

John Bell: "A check."

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Miss Dozier: "Go forward, boy, can't you hear them crying: 'Author, Author!'"

Carlton L.: "J-Just so, b-but what are their in-intentions?"



Blessings on thee, little dame,
Bareback girl with knees the same.
With thy rolled down silken hose
And thy short, transparent clothes,
With thy red lips redder more
Smeared with lipstick from the store,

With the make-up on thy face
And thy bobbed hair's jaunty grace.

From my heart I give thee joy—
I'm glad that I was born a boy.

Blessings on thee, little sheik,
Hotter than a lightning streak,
Balloon trousers, empty head,
Socks and tie of flaming red,
Marcelled hair and grease galore,
Latest perfume from the store,
With the talcum on thy face
And thy care to aid thy grace.
From my heart I wish thee joy—
I'm glad that I am not a boy.

—s—

IT'S A GREAT LIFE—

A popular member of the M. H. S. faculty died, and on entering the Pearly Gates, stopped to chat with the gate keeper. Saint Peter was in a talkative mood and the following conversation ensued:

Teacher: "Well, how are conditions up here? Anything new being done in the arrangement of things?"

Saint Peter: "Oh, you bet! We are revising the system entirely! Right now we're studying the 'Curriculum on a Scientific Basis.'"

Teacher: "Wow! You can cancel my engagement. I'm leaving right now for Hell!"

—s—

Ronald Brady: D'ye no I can't see my hand in front of my face.

Royal Glick: Whuzza matter?

R. B.: It ain't there, you fool.

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ODE TO THE TEACHERS

Miss Brown, no relation to Will
Brown
Pounds the Algebra in Pat,
Miss Ross, your head she'll surely
crown
If in your History you fall flat,
Miss Ellis, another teacher dear
At making cakes is quite a peer.
If in English you never shirk
Be sure and sign up with Miss
Burke.
Miss Whalley always will rejoice
If you go to her to fix your voice.
Dramatics, English, History, too,
Miss Dozier'll be missed when she
gets through.
Miss Davis, if you ever ditch
Gets right after you with a switch.
Painter, debating coach, nuff's said
There's plenty knowledge in her
head.
Miss McCanse and too, Miss Wing
They can do most anything.
Running, jumping, basketball
Tennis, hockey n' that's all.
Guess I'll quit, Oh, no, there's
Brown
Looks at you with such a frown
Good at heart and chemistry
Unless he marks you down.
Maybe now I'd better quit
The faculty will have a fit.

—s—

Carleton, I know you all know,
Is said not to be very slow.
He guzzles his gin,
That's why he's so thin,
Or maybe it makes freckles show.

—s—

Robertston rises and calls the meeting
into order the business before the
meeting this morning is Mr. president
awshutup I make a motion that John
griffin keep still pipedown lanieraw
whos running this meeting letshave
order herewowwhosthrowingthe
pianosawkeepstillanysecondtothe
motionyehacoupleofthirdsanda
fourthawyourfunnywho'sstalking
toyouanywaycomeonletshaveit
quitherewhocaresImovewead-
journalthoseinfavorsignifyby
walkingoutletsgoshutupcarlton
ohgenevieveouchquitpokingme
whatausesthusanywaywewillnow
voteonthismotiondon'twakemetill
morning.

—s—

One swallow doesn't make a jag.

—s—

The eyes can't be called an
academy just because there are
pupils there.

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Thoughts of a Student While Studying

Ch Gosh! I guess I better get to
work on this algebra. Let's see
the square root of x plus fourteen
equals—Hello?—Yes, oh hello,
Marg—yeh—Are you going to the
dance Saturday night?—Ch, he is
—Gee, I'll betcha have a good time!
What are ya gonna wear?—Ch boy,
that's gonno look cute! I dunno—
I guess I'll wear my blue gown—
yeh—Jack's takin' me!—yeh—Well,
by-by—I'll see you there! Well,
where did I leave off?—Ch yes, the
square root of x plus fourteen
equals—I wonder what time it is.
Mom, where's the clock? No, it
isn't; I can't find it here anywhere.
Gee gosh, a person can't find any-
thing in this house when he wants
it. I'll bet it's up in Dad's room.
I'll have to get it I suppose. Wow,
it's twenty-two minutes after seven
—My, how time goes fugit!—I've
studied this darned algebra forty-
two minutes! That's enough for
one day—I guess I'm through—I'll
have to change my dress. Don's
comin' over at seven-thirty. I
wonder what show's on tonight.

—s—

Dog for Sale

Alfy Duckhart had a dog to sell.
He advertised her as follows:

Owing to my ill health, I will sell
at auction at my home, in town-
ship 20, range 25 north, according
to the recent school survey, one
plush raspberry dog, age 15 yrs.
She is of undoubted courage and
barks frequently. To one that does
not fear death in any form, she
would be a great boon. She is
very much attached to her present
home with a log chain, but I will
sell her to any one who will agree
to treat her right. She is one-
fourth Airedale and three-quarters
hyena. Her name is Rose. I would
prefer to sell her to a non resident.

—s—

Our busybody boy named Galen
Has only one little failin'.

He opens his mouth

If the wind's blowin' South,
In the opposite way starts a sailin'.

A certain lad, Leonard Pethoud,
Was smarting under the rod,

Exclaimed in dismay,

"If it keeps on this way
I'll soon be under the sod."

THE IMPENDING DANGER

Girls! Are you in favor of joy-
riding in airplanes? I'm address-
ing you as one who sees into the
future, even as far ahead as 1950.

This is the way an ordinary
newspaper headliner will read then.

Girl, 18, Found Stranded in Tele-
graph Wires. Sonora, Calif.

The body of a young lady was
found perched upon the telegraph
wires about three miles the other
side of Longbarn. Efforts to iden-
tify her were useless, as no card
could be found, nor were there any
labels on her clothing.

Apparently she had been joy-rid-
ing, and having an argument with
the boy friend, she was told to fly
home. Her natural course was to
get out and her parachute and fly.
Evidently she was new at the game
and didn't know how to pull the
cords just right, for instead of
landing in her own back-yard, she
landed in the telegraph wires.

This has been a far too regular
occurrence which has attracted the
attention of various Young Ladies'
Welfare Societies. They have
worked out a plan which enables
all young ladies who go joy-riding
to take lessons on parachute jump-
ing. In this course, the proper
method of taking-off, working of
cords, and landing are taught.

It is advisable for any young
lady to take up the course, the fees
being within any one's limit. Un-
less you don't care if you get tan-
gled up in telegraph wires or fall
into a tree, girls, prepare your-
selves for this emergency.

Now, back to the present. This
will not affect the great majority
of you, but think about the future
young ladies. Don't forget we're
all sisters under the skin.

Let's get together on this—abol-
ish airplane joy-riding—kill it in
its infancy. And show the boys
that they can't **always** put one
over on us. Turn about's fair play,
you know.

—Miss I guess I. Know.

If brevity is the soul of wit, mod-
ern dresses are the biggest joke of
the age.

Or:

If brevity is the soul of wit,
some of these Freshmen are walk-
ing laughs.

—s—

Contentment is wealth, but you
can't spend it.

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Some Serious Calamities Which Happened in the Near Past

1. Iris Collins when climbing on Bus No. 1 looked down and saw she had forgotten her shoes.
2. Sue Elleby arrived at school with an apparently live snake.
3. Miss Dozier fell unceremoniously down the front steps of a friend's house (excellent pantomime).
4. Isabelle Warren did not have her history lesson.
5. The Hobo party showed how unfeminine the women of the institution can be.



All beware of each goodlooking tramp,
For she never cares whom she may vamp.
If you she does pick,
To you she will stick,
And on your trail she'll always camp.

—s—

Joe Ravelli says he likes to drive an automobile. We think he could drive a horse better.

—s—

John Bell says he doesn't enjoy history or geometry, but he can thoroughly enjoy lunch period.

—s—

Bob Rackley: "Are you the oldest of the family?"

Chas. Ransom: "No, pa and ma are older."

—s—

Mildred said she would go on a diet,

This fair young lady named Hiatt.
She just went one day
Without eating her hay
And never again will she try it.

Unanimous

Dick Ross: "May I have another dance, please?"

Gen Wood: "Why, yes, you may have the eighteenth."

Dick Ross: "Thanks, but I'll be gone by that time."

Gen: "So will I."

—s—

"I hear your wife bought a closed car."

"Yes, I have given up chewing tobacco."

—s—

Short Change

Mr. Utter: "The material for band skirts will come to one-sixty a yard."

Vera Haydock (to herself): "That means mine will cost eighty cents."

—s—

Go Feather Your Nest!

Ted Grenfell: "How do you get off an elephant?"

Frances Halley: "Fall off, I suppose."

Ted Grenfell: "No, you get down off a goose!"

—s—

HIAWATHA

Hiawatha killed a kitten
From its fur he made him mittens
Made them with the fur side inside
Made them with the skin side outside

He to keep the warm side inside
Put the cold side skin side outside
He to keep the cold side outside
Put the warm side fur side inside
That is why he made them so
Made them with the inside outside
Made them with the outside inside.

—s—

Howard Siebold walked into a stationery store and asked to see a fountain pen. The girl brought one and Howard proceeded to write his whole knowledge of Latin.

"Tempus fugit. Tempus fugit. Tempus fugit!"

The girl brightly remarked, "That pen writes very nicely doesn't it, Mr. Fugit?"

—s—

"Are you a fraternity man?"

"No, I'm a high school boy."

—s—

Sassiety Note

The Stanislaus County Teachers' Assassination held a meeting for three days in concussion just before Thanksgiving.

MODESTO HI—DAY BY DAY!

Sauntered unperceived around campus—saw Bobetta walking towards Reynold's to telephone—Mabel, Dot, Floss, and Mary sat on the spot they dried out on the front lawn—Art came back from town with a carload of kids in his red taxi—Jenny and Kate went for a ride with some J. C. boy friends—Ray and his gang borrowed a car alongside the curb by Reynold's in which they held their usual con-flab—Miss Davis was en route across the street to see who's where—everybody on the campus strained his neck to look at the airplane preparing to land—Dot R. and Dot S. and other members of the band carried forgotten parts of instruments from main building to band hall—Miss Whalley looked out the window as she wielded her baton in front of the boys' glee—bell rang—everybody everywhere at once—scenes shift—Galen rushed madly to Mr. Clark's office—office girl headed for study hall with good (or otherwise) news—everything quiet and busy—myself headed for court—Babylon of Spanish, geometry, French, English and what-have-you—escape again to front lawn—tired of sameness day by day—laid my head beneath a bush—fast asleep till 3:30.

—By "The Gazer."

—s—

I used to shower her with presents; but it ain't gonna rain no more.

That went over your head like a crock of beans.

—s—

Galen Hartwick: "Yes Dad, I'm a big gun at school."

Pa Hartwick: "Then why don't I hear better reports?"

—s—

(Untied Press) March 5.

All was still. Not a soul moved. Everyone was in the throes of deep thought, or as near so as possible. The silence was so deep that anyone could have heard a pin drop two minutes before it hit. Suddenly all were startled by gala after gale of hearty laughter.—Isabell had just seen through a joke told by Mr. Brown the day before.

—s—

Ditching is a game similar to hide and seek. We hide. Miss Davis seeks.

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HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT WON BY P. A. P.

Wonder What a Dog Thinks When He Wanders Into Study Hall.

Woof! But it's warm this afternoon. This sand is darned hot on a fellow's feet. Hello, what's this big building? Wonder where you go in? I'll just ramble around and see—Hot dog! Here's a little run way up to this door just made for me. Well, look at all these kids in here. Look at that man up at that desk—Gee, I wonder if he'll play with me—what are these saps laughing at, anyhow? I don't see anything funny! What in the name of Hector's pup are they giggling over? That's a nice way to treat a respectable canine! Oh, here comes that man. Bow, wow! What say we chase around? He's opening the door and calling me. Well! Well! If she wants to romp outside that suits me just fine. Come on, let's go! Hey, what's the idea of closing the door?—Come on out and play!—Well, if that isn't the cat's meow!

—s—

Venus had more love affairs than any other Goddess.

That's how she broke her arms.

—s—

See You In Church

Galen Hartwich (in business meeting): "Mr. Utter has nothing to do. Perhaps he can take time from church for this business."

Mr. Utter: "Perhaps I can spare that time better than some others could."

—s—

Dirty Work!

Mr. Utter: "Leonard, you had 32 loads of dirt to haul. Yesterday you cut the 9th period, so now you have 12 more loads to haul."

Leonard Pethoud: "Aw—w—w—get a steam shovel!"

—s—

Miss Brown (taking grades): "Harold, what is your grade?"

Harold Hudson: "Put down a 1 for me!"

Miss Brown: "What? Did you get all those problems right?"

Harold Hudson: "No, I had one right."

—s—

J. Griffin: "Say Bill, does the car always make this much noise?"

B. Gould: "No, only when it's running."

Why You Didn't Get a "1"

1. Teacher wasn't fair.
2. Too many parties—too many pals.
3. Couldn't waste time studying.
4. Had to spend time washing dishes for ditching.
5. Had to work.
6. Didn't want one, anyhow.

—s—

E. Stephens: "You don't love me any more!"

Lou Muggie: "Why do you say that?"

Eleanor: "The last three times, you've left before father made you."

—s—

Miss Ellis: "Milk or water?"

Customer: "Don't kid me, please; let me guess."

—s—

Mr. Brown: "Name six animals living in the arctic."

R. Brady: "Walrus, a seal, and four polar bears."

—s—

Leonard Pethoud: "Dad, can you write your name with your eyes shut?"

Dad: "Of course."

Leonard: "I don't believe it; but let me see you try it on this report card."

—s—

Mr. Hammar: "Louis, have you kept up with your grades?"

Louis: "Yes, but I ain't passed 'em yet."

—s—

D. Andrews: "Is your brother back at school?"

C. Frazer: "No, he's half back."

—s—

S. Smith: "What'll we do?"

B. Murihead: "I'll spin a coin. If it comes heads, we go to the movies; if it comes tails, we go swimming; if it stands on edge, we study."

—s—

—s—

Miss Kellenbarger: "Burns made an error here."

Howard Sipe (half asleep) "How many runs did he let in?"

—s—

Andy Sorenson drove up in his dilapidated Chevrolet. He quickly got out and covered up the hood.

Small boy near by—"Too late, mister, we all saw it."

POWELL WINS THRILLING

HORSESHOE MATCH

April 13, 1928. (Fascinated Mess)
—"Duke Powell today won a thrilling match in horseshoes from a horse. The horse 'threw a shoe' but in spite of all this, Duke pulled through in fine shape despite the fact that he has to eat his oats from the mantel."

The game was very close. The horseplay of the horse was exceedingly fine, but "Duke" just murmured "Horsefeathers!"

The horse began horsing it up in the first part of the game by throwing a double ringer. A wag in the audience shouted, "That's a horse on you, Duke."

Duke merely gave him the horse-laugh and replied, "Neigh, Neigh." He then proceeded to shoe the "horse." At this the horse became unruly, but after he had "shoed" him away Duke had his picture taken wearing the patent leather horse-collar which he won. The horse announced that he would get into harness again and train for the match next year which he hopes to carry off.

—s—



Mr. Mancini: "How much do you practice every day?"

Park Cutland: "An hour, railroad time."

Mr. Mancini: "What's that?"

Park Cutland: "One hour, counting stops and delays."

—s—

Lanier B.: "Poetry is the spontaneous overflow of the soul."

Jim T.: "Yeh, but yours has to be primed!"

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BAND MEMBERS FEATURE PAJAMA PARADE

AND THE BAND PLAYED ON

Time—11 P. M.

Place—Moving train headed in easterly direction.

Scene I.—Band boy parading up and down aisle in bright blue pajamas. Cries of 'Gimme my pillow,' 'Where's my night shirt?' 'Who put water in this bed?' 'Where's that porter?' rent the still night air.

A head appears between the curtains and heaves a shoe at the aforesaid promenaing figure in blue pajamas.

The bright blue pajamas charge upper number 9 and violent sounds issue from behind the drawn portals. Heads poke out on all sides. Suddenly a splash of blue bounces out into the aisle and lights running. It disappears into Lower number 2.

The chaperone appears at the end of the aisle and mutters X—X—X X—X (Censored!)

(Continued next month)

Time 4 A. M.

Place—Same train—still going.

Scene II.—Curtain rises on scene of peace and quiet. The rumble of the wheels of the train and snores of the sleepers are the only sounds.

'What state are we in?'—'Who

hocked my pants?'—'Where's my suitcase?' 'Aw, shut up! I'll shorten your life.'—'Break his back'—'When do we eat?' Varied queries assail the ear. Amid shouts and cries the flock of tempermental musicians is about to rise from their cherubic sleep.

The rush for the wash room is on—may the best man win. Finally the various components of attire are assembled and hung in their prospective positions.

All is ready and at last 80 traveling tuneful tommies are ready for morning mush.



CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN

Two tailors were talking of the different graduation suits they had taken measurements for. Finally they discussed Bill Gould's.

'Say you know Bill Gould picked out the loudest color in my sample case. You know that bright orange? He picked that, and then he was yelping because it wasn't heard for two blocks. And he wanted twenty-two inch bottoms on his trousers. He'll look like a tent in a cyclone.'

'And say, he ordered his coat about a foot short, I'm going to add an inch, but even then it's going to be too short.'

'Another thing, he ordered two vests, a double breasted one and a single breasted one. That boy sure wants his money's worth. That's the first time I ever had anybody order two vests.'

The tailor goes on fuming about the younger generation, this modern set, the crazy ideas of some people, etc.

Later, Bill graduates in his blazing orange outfit and is quite the lad if he does say so himself.

—s—

Mr. Bradley was escorting Mr. Saari, our newly arrived Ag. teacher, from the train to his new home, when all of a sudden Matt spied some young calves.

'Oh,' he shouted, 'look at the little cowlets.'

Grinning, Mr. Bradley replied. 'No, Matt; them's bullets.'

—s—

Instead of cutting out a grease spot, as has formerly been the method, it is better to sew an applique design over the surface of the spot.

—s—

Will Brown and his grandson were flying over Modesto when the younger of the two noted a queer vehicle on the ground.

'Say, grandpa, what is that rolling along down there?'

Grandad: 'Fine doin's, fly a little lower I think I've found my long lost Marguerite.'

—s—

We dedicate the Panther's Snickers to: Whoever wants them! Drag them out—we don't need them!!!

Agriculture

Our Aggies are simply divine,
They in bossies and alfalfa shine;
A hen's teeth they say
Tells its age to a day,
And they pick a good pig by its rind.

—s—

—s—

What Causes That—?

Dumb One: 'What's high in the middle and round on both ends?'

Dumb Two: 'I dunno.'

Dumb One: 'OHIO, you sap!'

—s—

The elephant's a lucky beast
Born under tropic skies;
He has a tail at either end
For brushing off the flies.

The most interesting and most watched piece of school machinery is the clock.

—s—

A five on your report card is a black cloud, usually followed by a storm at home.

MEATS—

Bologna of all styles and descriptions. Hartwick & Co. retailers.

WANTED—

Any new or used methods of reducing. Bring to, or otherwise notify, Warren Steele.

LOST, STRAYED OR STOLEN—

Cne perfectly good heart. Must be returned in good condition if reward is wanted. Willie Dial.

—s—

Lester O'Meara: 'You say you were never before this committee before?'

Defendant: 'No, sir, this is my first offense.'

Lester O'Meara: 'I've certainly seen your face before.'

Defendant: 'Yes, sir, I guess you have. I'm your brother.'

—s—

Mr. Utter is a man. He used to be a kid but now is a man. He grew up on barley cakes and water, but now he lives on California soil.

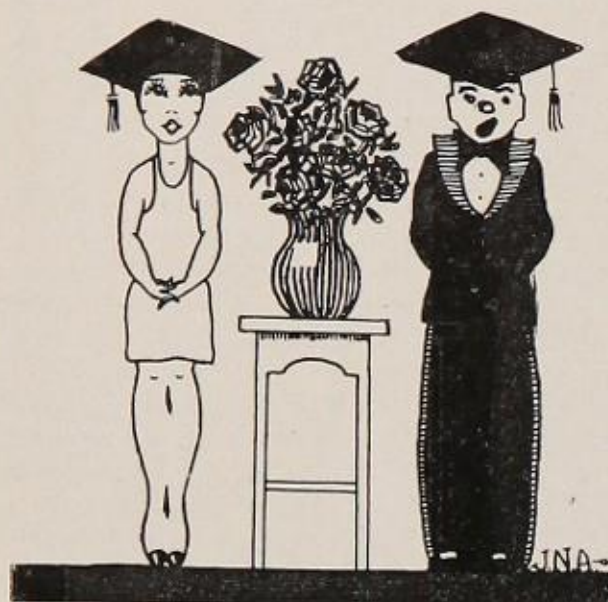
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OBSESSIONAL

Car of our fathers, known of old,
Thou of the far flung body line,
Beneath whose playful engine we
hold

A crankcase, with an anger fine,
Ladies around, hold thine ears yet,
Lest we forget!—Lest we forget.

On the ground our cup-grease
melts away,

And the engine still misses fire,
Lo! all the pride of yesterday
Is now of language and of ire,
Perhaps we shall get it started yet,
Then we'll regret—Then we'll regret.

A tumult and the engine dies,
The fenders and the lights depart.

Still stands the ancient wreck so
nice,

But she is still a Ford at heart,
But wait and shall figure yet
What we forgot—What we forgot.
—H. S.

—s—

You Haven't Completed Your High School Career Unless:

You've tried to sleep on the bus
on a long trip.

You've made a speech or an announcement
in assembly.

You've been bawled out for not
having your lesson.

You've flunked out in a test.

You've had your name in the
Awwgan.

You've had your picture in the
Sycamore.

You've bought a Sycamore.

You've had a 1 on your report
card (even if it was for times
tardy).

And last but not least:

Unless you've known the thrills
and chills of graduation!!

(STAFF)

Here, take a look at the staff,
Who've not done what they could
do, by half.

On the job they have laid
And will feel well repaid
If you'll just kindly hand them a
laugh.

(JIMMIE ALGAR)

Altho Big Snicker's hair is quite
red,

And there's nothing of use in his
head.

It does him some good
For it isn't all wood
But is filled up with nonsense in-
stead.

(MARGARET HIATT)

Here's a snicker we all know as
Marg,

With her stock of foolishness large;
She does her salt earn,

But she has much to learn,
For she thinks that Mo-Scow is a
barge.

(BERNARD SEARS)

One snicker for short we call "Son"
Of his type there is only one.

His task he won't shirk,
But if lightness were work
We're afraid that he would weigh
a ton.

(HOWARD SIEBOLD)

As a snicker H. S. is a fake,
He gave the joke bag a bad break.

When his head it did bite
It retreated from fright,
For never a dent did it make.

(GENE BOONE)

As a Snicker dear Gene is quite
fast

And each joke is worse than the
last.

We won't slander his wit
For we're proud of it
But he should wear his hat at half
mast.

(MARY SMIDL)

Let us look at this next Snicker,
Mary,

Who certainly works hard, oh very:
Half of her jokes are all right,

While the rest are a fright
And these we must take out and
bury.

(END)

There, Panther's Snickers is
through.

And we dessicate them to you,
If you don't like the jokes

Just remember (you blokes)
(dear folks)

That we hac to read them all too.
—H. S.

Suggestions To Future Editors

Put people's names in! They
may mildly object, but they like it.

Print stale jokes! Humor, like
history, repeats itself.

Don't mind criticisms! They'll
always come. Even if it was good
some people wouldn't like it.

Write your own jokes! They're
as good as any.

Edit anything funny! Some peo-
ple can't appreciate good literature.

Laugh at all jokes handed in!
You'll need some encouragement.

Don't worry over how you're
going to fill ten pages! A good
sized blot on paper is good for ten
words.

Don't rush yourself! Time waits
for no man, but who cares?

Slam everybody! You're only
young once.

When your record breaking Pan-
ther's Snickers comes out, make
yourself scarce until the whole
thing blows over! Not that it mat-
ters, but a fellow's got to live.

—s—

FAST AND FURIOUS

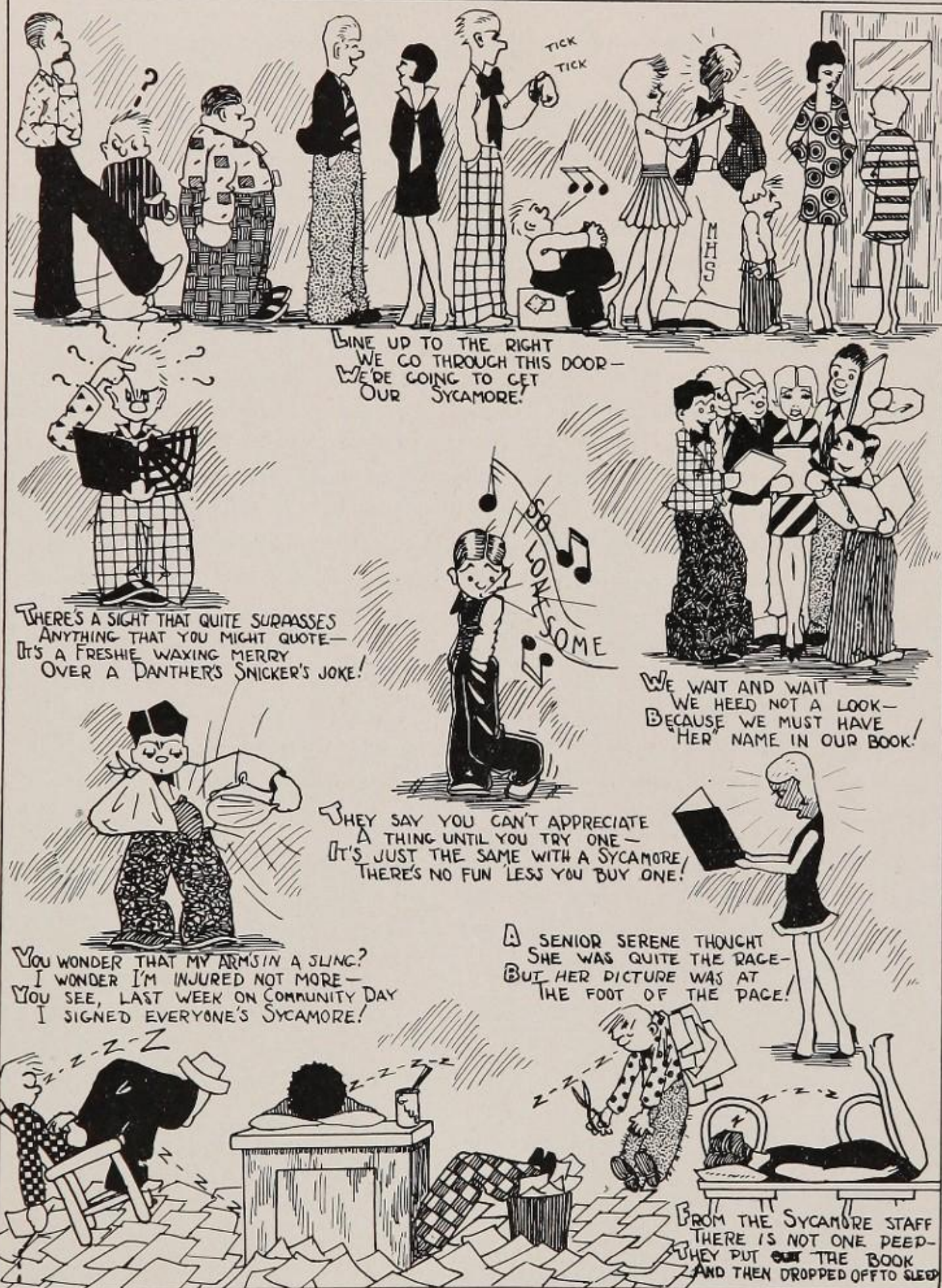
The chase was on! Around trees
and over lawns she dashed with
the villain hot on her heels. She
must lose him some way! Oh, why
had she ever ventured out alone?
She cast a frightened glance back
of her and saw that he was still
pursuing her. His face was de-
termined. It was a test of endur-
ance. Down the deserted walk she
fled. Her French heels treacher-
ously impeded her progress, yet
she stumbled on. She turned
swiftly to the left, hoping to de-
ceive her pursuer. Relentlessly he
followed her, his pace becoming
faster and faster, his strides longer.
Hope was fading fast. She was be-
coming tired and she knew she
must soon make her last stand!
She wanted so much to rest, but
she knew she could not! Suddenly
she turned to the right and found
herself in a blind alley. Trapped!
Bravely she turned to face her foe.
Cornered in Physic's Room corri-
dor she calmly waited her doom.
When, at last, he lumbered up, he
managed to gasp out between
breaths, "Say, (puff! puff!) you
have sure (puff) been leadin' me a
chase (puff, puff) all evening. Will
you please sign my Sycamore?"


—s—

A campus coed is a fascinating
study of exterior decorating.

SYCAMORE SAYINGS

by J.N. ALGAR '28





The Tail

Since all good Panthers carry a tail, this Panther too must adhere to the standard and conclude with a tale. It's a weird tale, too, with a background of thanks, surmounted by stripes of editorial ravings.

Our most august assemblage of readers, to you we appeal first. The '28 staff has deviated far from the path of conservative annuals; instead it has given you a jazzy, slangy book that tones in with modern campus life. So read it and growl, only don't broadcast your agony on too long a wave-length.

For additional finances, which were necessary if we were to have an annual, we are indebted to the student body treasury and the school board. To the Commercial Art and Engraving Company of San Francisco we express our thanks for their friendly service throughout our negotiations with them. But you couldn't have a book without pictures, and we realize that thanks are due Mrs. Magill and Mrs. Schuffler of Hartsook Studio; and thank you, Mr. Print Shop Smith, for your assistance throughout the actual publishing of our annual. The poor swamped Commercial Department is next in line for a portion of real gratitude. They have been responsible for the typing of all articles prior to dispatching them to the printer. Likewise the Art Department has been a saviour to our poor inartistic self. Also, we thank those who have aided us in securing even an officially named Sycamore office. We would say thank you, too, to those unsung business men who have assisted with the financial end of the thing. Especially grateful are we to those teachers who were cheerfully resigned to fate during the weeks the Sycamore pictures were being taken. Even more we appreciate the Office's expressions of sympathy for our job—said sympathy taking the form of "K" excuses.

Now for editorial stripes! Probably no Sycamore editor has been assisted so much by her staff. Sycamore has meant long days and busy nights of work, and the staff has been a particularly loyal and hard-working one. "Thank you," especially to the faculty advisor and business manager.

Most of all, we are most thankful that this Panther year-book is beyond our control now. The '28 Sycamore is out!

June Cash

Dr. Schmitt
Jerry Blanc

Leona Melchior
Orypha Peterson
Helen Foster

Goodman

"One" Meredith

James

N. Hartman
Edward

Kennyalla

Willard Montgomery

Lang Hallingford

Gertrude Myers

Kathleen

Myrtle

John

James

Willard

James

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South

Charles

John

James

Dear Mr. Kline

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Elizabeth
D. Kline
Dorothy Hallinger

Robinson

